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"Our family is deeply touched by this honour, especially on the day before the solemn tribute of Remembrance Day," Bishop's son, Arthur Bishop, said in a release issued by the Toronto Port Authority.

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Afghan mission **The ultimate sacrifice**

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Family members walk behind the casket of Sapper Steven Marshall, 24, yesterday during his funeral in Calgary. Marshall was killed while on patrol in Afghanistan on Oct. 30.

Heroic notes

Toronto composer pens song about Highway of Heroes

For Jo-Anne McLaren, who lost her son in Afghanistan, it was a godsend on the worst day of her life.

To Capt. Wayne Johnston, who helped bring her son home, it is a uniquely Canadian display of caring.

And for thousands of Canadians, the Highway of Heroes is a place of reverence, sorrow and pride.

Canadians gather along the 172-kilometre stretch of Highway 401 between Trenton and Toronto every time a convoy carrying the body of a dead soldier travels that final homecoming route.

Bob Reid, a Toronto communications specialist and amateur musician, is one of the ordinary Canadians who has lined that stretch.

The grassroots tribute moved him to write a song commemorating the Highway of Heroes.

"I was just struck by the amazing quiet patriotism that underlies that phenomenon," Reid said in the basement of his Toronto bungalow, where he penned the tribute song.

"By how wonderful it is that so many people make sure that they are there to show their respect and their gratitude."

The lyrics are inspired by his experiences and stories of Canadians who participate in the tradition of mourning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Injured soldiers

- Half of the song's proceeds will go to Capt. Wayne Johnston's Wounded Warriors fund, which raises money for injured soldiers.

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Private schools latest with preferential treatment

Flu Outbreak

First there were professional athletes. Then hospital boards. Now students at some private schools have received preferential access to flu shots.

Officials from St. Andrew's College in Aurora, Pickering College in Newmarket and the Hill Academy in Concord acknowledged yesterday that some students and staff have received the vaccine even though they are not among the high-risk groups designated by the province for early shots.

Private schools and boarding schools are not among the province's priority groups, and Ontario's top public health official Dr. Arlene King told a news conference yesterday that people must follow the sequencing order because supply of the vaccine is still limited and those at high risk need it first.

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Frost a 'father figure,' Danton says

Former NHLer Mike Danton, left, says he saw David Frost as a father figure, and denies any sexual involvement with his former agent. In an interview with Nick Kypreos of Rogers Sportsnet, Danton says his relationship with Frost was misunderstood. The 28-year-old Danton received parole in September after spending more than five years in jail for conspiring to have someone he feared was after him murdered. Prosecutors said Frost was the target, but Danton has denied that. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Girls just want some ice time

Letter to city threatens human rights complaint over access

The gloves are off in a million-dollar hockey fight with an all-girls league accusing the City of Toronto of discrimination over ice access.

The 900-member Toronto Leaside Girls Hockey Association threatened to launch a human rights complaint in an Oct. 30 letter to Mayor David Miller over what it alleges is the city's failure to enforce its equity policy at publicly owned arenas.

The TLGHA says the arenas shut girls out of prime-time ice and instead, in some cases, rent it to adult men for hockey.

TLGHA president Ron Baker said yesterday his not-for-profit league has spent more than $1 million over the past five years to play in expensive private arenas largely because city-owned facilities in players' neighbourhoods regularly refuse to give the TLGHA permits for ice Baker insists it's entitled to.

And female hockey players do have rights, according to the city's equity policy.

"The policy is there for this very reason, the whole point being girls' and women's hockey in this city is on the rise and yes, they should have equal access to ice time," said Stuart Green, a spokesperson from Miller's office, who said this is a "legitimate concern" for the mayor.

For all hockey players, city ice is coveted not only because it's close to home for community users, but it's also much cheaper, at about $140 an hour for youth, than private arenas, where rates can top $300 an hour.

Keith Begley, in his second year as Ted Reeve board chair, said the Leaside league turned down one of four hours offered to them this year.

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The Leaside girls Atom hockey team does drills on the ice at the Bubble at the Ted Reeve Arena.

Road tolls 'the elephant in the road' in Ontario

TRANSPORTATION Congestion is expected to cost the Toronto region up to $15 billion annually by 2031.

But one of the most obvious and unpopular answers to the problem — road tolls, also known as congestion pricing — remains a largely verboten subject in Ontario, even though user fees are already used or under discussion globally.

"I call it the elephant in the road, because for some reason we can't talk about it," said Martin Collier.

He's a founder of the Transport Futures Conference, which will gather an international panel of road pricing experts in Toronto tomorrow.

The second annual conference is one sign that, after years of knee-jerk opposition, a serious exploration of the impact of user fees may finally be foisted upon Toronto-area drivers and politicians.

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European road pricing

- Stockholm implemented a congestion tax in August 2007, with proceeds funding road building. Tolls, from about $2 to $3.50, vary by time and day of the week. Maximum daily charge is about $10. The system uses electronic gates similar to those on the 407 ETR.
- Milan implemented its Ecopass system around an eight-square-kilometre area of the city centre as a car-control and anti-pollution measure. Charges depend on each vehicle's emissions level, and exemptions are granted for lower-emission vehicles. Drivers are charged up to 10 euros, recorded electronically at 43 gates. The Ecopass system is up for renewal at the end of this year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lest we forget

Remembrance Day events:

- East York Civic Centre, Memorial Gardens, 850 Coxwell Ave., 10:45 a.m.
- Etobicoke Civic Centre, Cenotaph, 399 The West Mall, 10:15 a.m.
- North York Civic Centre, George Weston Recital Hall at Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St., 10:45 a.m
- Toronto Old City Hall, Cenotaph, 60 Queen St. W., 10:30 a.m.
- York Civic Centre, York Memorial Collegiate, Auditorium, 2690 Eglinton Ave. W., 10:45 a.m.
- Fort York National Historic Site, Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery, 100 Garrison Rd., 10:45 a.m.
- Scott Mission Main Chapel, 502 Spadina Ave., noon.

Peel:

- Bramalea Memorial, Chinguacousy Park, from Nov. 10, 11 a.m. until Nov. 11, 11 a.m. Sea Cadets stand watch for 24 hours.

News in brief

BOOKS Linden MacIntyre has won the Scotiabank Giller Prize for his novel The Bishop's Man. MacIntyre, who is best known for his work with the CBC's The Fifth Estate, beat out Kim Echlin, Annabel Lyon, Colin McAdam and Anne Michaels to take home the $50,000 prize. The runners-up each receive $5,000.

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Man charged after botched robbery
A 22-year-old man is facing charges after a botched robbery in Burlington Monday night. Scott Shaw has been charged. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bandidos killers to appeal convictions

Four men convicted in the mass slayings of eight men associated with the Bandidos biker gang have declared their intent to appeal their "unreasonable" and "perverse" convictions.

Wayne Kellestine, Dwight Mushey, ex-police officer Michael Sandham, Marcelo Aravena, Frank Mather and Brett Gardiner were convicted late last month of 44 counts of first-degree murder and four counts of manslaughter.

Kellestine, Mushey and Sandham were all found guilty of eight counts each of first-degree murder. Mather and Aravena were found guilty of seven counts each of first-degree murder and one count each of manslaughter, and Gardiner was found guilty of six counts of first-degree murder and two counts of manslaughter.

They were all sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years.

Sandham, Mushey, Mather and Aravena have each filed inmate notices of appeal. Sandham and Aravena indicate they want to appeal their convictions, while Mushey and Mather write they wish to appeal their convictions and sentences.

"The 48 verdicts were perverse and make no sense," Sandham wrote in his notice of appeal, dated the same day the six men were sentenced in London, Ont.

Sandham also alleges the trial judge, Ontario Superior Court Justice Thomas Heeney, made several errors, including in his charge to the jury, the use of circumstantial evidence and not allowing self-defence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mass slaying

- The bullet-ridden bodies of the eight men were found on April 8, 2006, stuffed into four vehicles on and around a rural property in southwestern Ontario, just kilometres down the road from Wayne Kellestine's farmhouse. It's believed to be Ontario's largest mass slaying.

Vaughan school reopens following August twister

Students of St. Peter's Catholic elementary took classes in their refurbished school for the first time yesterday after extensive repairs following a tornado that touched down in Vaughan Aug. 20.

The category F2 twister ripped the roof off the school and caused extensive damage to the ventilation system. The damage required about $2.5 million worth of repairs.

The 400 St. Peter's students attended classes at the nearby St. Francis of Assisi and Immaculate Conception schools while the repairs were made.

"The transformation was just unbelievable," principal Jo-Anne Dawson said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Emergency

- More than 600 homes were also damaged in the Aug. 20 storm, trees were uprooted and power lines downed, which prompted officials to declare a state of emergency in the city.

News in brief

ARREST Police have charged a Toronto man with first-degree murder in the shooting death of 26-year-old Richard Durant. Durant died early Oct. 31 after he was shot outside Tom's Café and Sports Bar on Davenport Road near Ossington Avenue. It was the city's 45th homicide this year. A second victim was also shot, but his injuries were not life-threatening. Police arrested Samora Fogah, 31, Sunday. He is facing charges of first-degree murder and attempted murder using a firearm. Det. Sgt. Gary Giroux said investigators brought in police dogs to search Fogah's residence and police will be laying additional charges. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Repair kit available for strollers

U.S. recall for Maclaren brand not extended yet to Canada

Each time they go to the mall with their four-year-old son, Kevin and Yuka Tang haul their Maclaren umbrella stroller from the trunk of their car.

But after the company announced a U.S. recall after its popular strollers were blamed for amputating the fingers of a dozen American children, the Tangs will be extra vigilant before placing their tyke in the seat.

"It's shocking to hear about the recall," Kevin said. "It shows you've got to be careful."

Maclaren isn't fixing all single and double strollers sold in the United States since 1999 — about a million units — but is sending buyers a "repair kit" — essentially sleeves to cover the exposed hinges, the company and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced yesterday, calling it a "voluntary recall."

Although the strollers sold in Canada are identical to ones sold in the U.S., Health Canada has yet to extend the recall here. But worried parents who contact the Canadian distributor will get a repair kit sent to them.

Health Canada spokesperson Christelle Legault said if there is a reason for a recall, "Health Canada will work with the company to initiate appropriate corrective measures."

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Models affected

- Parents who want the repair kit can sign up at www.kushies.com or call Maclaren directly at 1-877-688-2326 or 1-877-422-4622. The Toronto Star tried those numbers numerous times yesterday and got only a busy signal.
- Models affected by the recall include Volo, Triumph, Quest Sport, Quest Mod, Techno XT, TechnoXLR, Twin Triumph, Twin Techno and Easy Traveller.

Man carries aluminum bat after fearless coyote sightings

Locking eyes with an 70-pound coyote would put most people on edge — especially if the wild animal is not afraid of your two 90-pound dogs.

"He basically has no fear of us," said Rick Shanahan, describing repeated encounters with a coyote he said attacked his dog in Glen Rouge Park in the spring.

Shanahan is six-feet tall. His dogs — King, a Bernese mountain dog mix, and Rocky, a Labrador retriever mix — each weigh about 90 pounds.

"I heard him yelping in the bush," he said, describing the afternoon King was attacked in a wooded area. "He came running back with his tail between his legs with the coyote following him," said Shanahan, who was near Sheppard Avenue East and Port Union Road. The dog was not injured.

Coyotes have long been spotted in wooded areas in and around the city, but the fatal mauling of a Toronto folk singer in Nova Scotia and reports of aggressive behaviour by other coyotes have escalated fears lately. City officials say the number of reported sightings have jumped to 68 this year from 15 last year.

After Shanahan reported the incident at Glen Rouge Park, animal services workers patrolled the area but failed to spot a coyote.

Shanahan said he loves coyotes, but feels this one should be removed.

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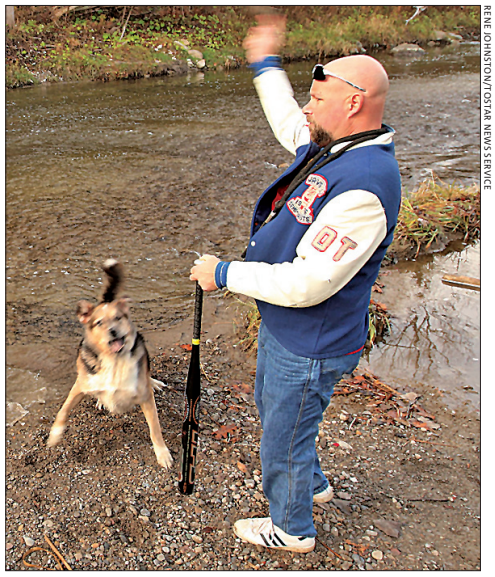

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Rick Shanahan has started to walk his dogs King and Rocky with an aluminum bat in Glen Rouge Park after several run-ins with a local coyote.

Suburbs gain from Toronto's losses

TRADE Suburban regions are prospering as high commercial property taxes in Toronto add to the forces driving central city businesses out, according to a report by the Toronto Board of Trade on issues that will face mayoral candidates next year.

Economic growth has been averaging 4.2 per cent a year in the 905, versus only 1.2 per cent in Toronto. That's a "massive" difference, Tim Rider, Greater Toronto regional vice-president at RBC Royal Bank, told a board of trade panel yesterday.

"I can see it every day, in that companies have moved out of Toronto are growing significantly faster than those that have stayed in it."

Commercial areas of Etobicoke and Scarborough risk sinking into a downward spiral as firms move out, he said. That will turn around only if there's political will to solve the property tax discrepancy, a major disincentive — along with traffic congestion — to locating in Toronto, he said.

He suggested road tolls may be needed to fight the congestion that also plagues city businesses.

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Military needs infrared sensors, association argues

The country's volunteer search-and-rescue association says a lack of infrared sensors aboard military aircraft is endangering and possibly costing lives. The story of Jupi Angootealuk, the 17-year-old who was stranded on an ice floe this week, has brought into focus the absence of the high-tech gear. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

ADQ leader seeks investigation

Action démocratique du Québec Leader Gilles Taillon, left, wants provincial police to investigate what he calls "troubling aspects" in the party's finances. Taillon also told a news conference in Quebec City yesterday he wants the beleaguered party to hold another leadership race after less than a month on the job. The ADQ is currently fighting for survival following internal squabbling and resignations from its already-thin caucus. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lest they forget?

Military tradition featured in revised citizenship guide

The Conservative government has rewritten Canada's citizenship study guide for newcomers to emphasize the country's military tradition and the national symbolic importance of the poppy.

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says the absence of any reference to Canada's historic military achievements at Dieppe, Juno Beach or Vimy Ridge, or to the red flower that Canadians wear on their lapels for two weeks every November, is "scandalous."

"We want to make sure that all Canadians have a shared understanding of the basic symbols and history of our country, and that includes our military history and our traditions of remembrance," Kenney said. "The current content on those issues is zero."

Kenney said he agrees with critics who lament the lack of common historical knowledge among Canadians.

As for the poppy, Kenney cast it as "one of the very few common national symbols we have. I don't know millions of Canadians who walk around with beavers on their coats for two weeks in November."

With the deaths of veterans of the world wars, Kenney said "in the very near future we will have no living historical memory of the great conflicts of the last century in which Canadians played a central role, and it will take a very deliberate act of memory to maintain that history. And that's part of what this is about."

The updated version of the citizenship guide, Discover Canada: The Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship, will be launched tomorrow.

The information on Canada's military past, as well as the symbolic significance of the poppy will become part of the potential content in multiple-choice tests that citizenship candidates complete.

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Circus **Royals hit Quebec**

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Prince Charles gestures while chatting with clowns at the Cirque du soleil headquarters in Montreal yesterday as Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, looks on.

News in brief

FLU OUTBREAK Ontario has joined Manitoba, New Brunswick and soon possibly British Columbia in temporarily shutting down some H1N1 clinics due to a shortage of vaccine, even for priority candidates. But while some areas of Ontario are shutting down, others have so much vaccine that they have begun to distribute it to the general public.

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Cameramen from war's front lines earn recognition

ARMY Through the viewfinder of a Bell & Howell 35-mm movie camera, members of the army film corps brought the Second World War home to Canadians.

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Those from the film corps were recognized yesterday for their contribution at a special ceremony dedicating a new editing suite in the name of the Canadian Army Film and Photo Unit at the Defence Public Affairs Learning Centre.

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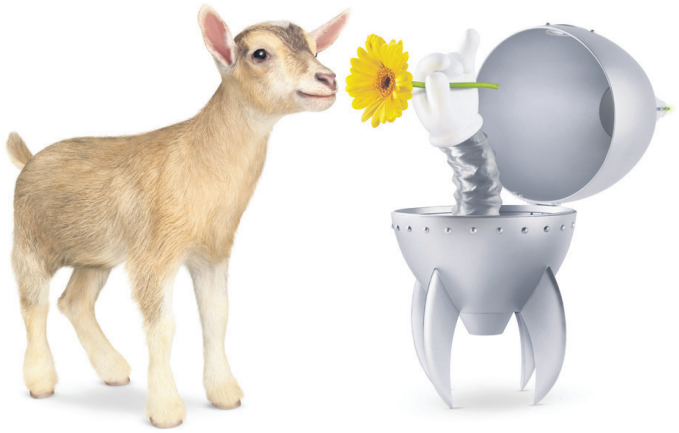

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Police seek man in case of lettuce rage

Police in the central Ontario village of Markdale are looking for a man who shattered a restaurant door after becoming enraged over some lettuce and tomato on a hamburger. Police say the man stormed out of the Icy Delights restaurant and slammed the door so hard that it broke the glass. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian's son killed in Afghanistan

Samuel Bassett, 20, dies after explosion while serving with British troops

A Calgary police officer's son was killed on the weekend while serving with British troops in Afghanistan.

Samuel Bassett, 20, died in hospital from injuries he sustained in an explosion while he was on patrol Sunday in northern Helmand province, according to a memo written by police Chief Rick Hanson.

The soldier is the son of Simon Bassett, who is a constable with the Calgary force.

Samuel Bassett visited Calgary last summer and accompanied his father on a ride-along, said Hanson.

"Many of Simon's colleagues were moved by the mutual pride between father and son," he said.

In a tribute released by the British military, Samuel Bassett was remembered as "a capable, bright and fun-loving individual, who was regarded as a real character by those with whom he worked."

The bodies of six other British soldiers killed in separate incidents in Afghanistan last week returned home yesterday. Five of the soldiers were shot to death by an Afghan policeman who turned against them.

Hanson said Bassett and every other fallen soldier should be remembered around Nov. 11 and always.

"Let us reflect on all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their countries. May those who have fallen in the name of service and duty remain in our hearts every day of the year."

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PM discusses flu pandemic with premiers

Flu Outbreak

CALL Prime Minister Stephen Harper held a conference call with the premiers yesterday to talk about swine flu.

The call came at Harper's behest and mainly covered the troubled H1N1 vaccination campaign.

Harper spokesman Dimitri Soudas said the call reflects "the importance of continued co-ordination until the pandemic goes away."

"Every step of the way, it is important for the federal government and the provinces to continue co-operating hand in glove."

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Deaths

- Ontario's top medical official says there have been 52 swine flu related deaths in the province since April. That's up from the 37 deaths reported last week.

Winnipeg $50M richer

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Marie and Kirby Fontaine from Sagkeeng First Nation laugh at a news conference yesterday in Winnipeg, where they picked up a $50-million cheque for landing the winning numbers in a recent Lotto Max draw. The Fontaines say they want to travel the world.

Chief warns of more native health crises

Flu Outbreak

ILLNESS Canada's national aboriginal leader is warning that the swine flu sweeping the country is just one of many health crises aboriginal communities will face unless sub-par living conditions on reserves improve.

During a virtual summit on First Nations and H1N1, Shawn Atleo told federal Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq that native families will continue living "one crisis to another" long after the threat of swine flu subsides.

"We shouldn't just wait for a crisis like H1N1," Atleo said following the webcast summit yesterday.

"There is a real health crisis across the country in First Nation communities."

Atleo suggested aboriginals' vulnerability stems from living conditions on reserves, which are overcrowded, lack clean drinking water and don't have easy access to medical facilities.

He hopes the H1N1 flu will prompt the government to fix chronic social problems.

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Sick Kids program prescribes legal remedies for families
The Hospital for Sick Children is launching an innovative program that is adding lawyers to the teams of doctors, nurses and therapists who care for its patients. The hospital will provide free legal assistance for non-medical issues that may threaten a family's ability to care for their sick child. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lack of oversight key to jet crash: Report

Ineffective oversight of safety regulations was a key factor behind a jet crash two years ago in Nova Scotia that left 10 people injured, including Tim Hortons co-founder Ron Joyce, the Transportation Safety Board concludes in a final report yesterday.

The independent agency found private aircraft operators regulated by the Canadian Business Aviation Association were not held to the same standard as commercial airlines regulated by Transport Canada.

The federal department transferred regulatory responsibility for some aviation operators to the private association in 2003, then failed to exercise effective oversight, the board said.

While Transport Canada requires commercial airlines to implement safety systems on a fixed timeline, the association was not held to any deadlines, the board found.

"This is a serious problem," board member Kathy Fox said in a statement.

"Safety can be compromised when ... deadlines are flexible, and critical oversight is lacking."

Joyce suffered two fractured vertebrae when his new Bombardier Global 5000 crashed just short of the private runway at his Fox Harb'r Golf Resort and Spa near Wallace, N.S., Nov. 11, 2007.

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One dose vaccine for kids under consideration

Public Health Agency of Canada head Dr. David Butler-Jones said there might be a possibility kids could be immunized with a single shot, not the two currently recommended, after a promising study of 51 young children in Spain who received adjuvanted H1N1 vaccine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man gets 1-year sentence for threatening daughter

COURT An Ottawa man has been sentenced to a year in jail for threatening and harassing his daughter so severely that police, fearing for the woman's safety, spirited her out of the city.

Yusef Salam Al Mezel, 44, admitted during his trial to pushing his daughter, threatening to break her legs and kill her, and smashing her computer on July 9, 2007.

Eman Al Mezel told police her father didn't want her to volunteer at a community centre and was negotiating a dowry with a Syrian man.

When she fled the next day, her father began stalking her and sent her emails, by turns beseeching and threatening.

The father, the head of the Ottawa taxi driver's union, wrote he was going to tell her uncles and he couldn't guarantee the "safety of anyone" if she didn't return.

The emails talk about the family "sharaf" — honour — which the daughter told police she'd stained by running away.

Superior Court Justice Lynn Ratushny said yesterday in offering reasons for her decision that house arrest wouldn't provide enough denunciation and deterrence.

"Mr. Al Mezel has threatened his daughter with serious violence and has caused her to fear for her safety in the name of honour," Ratushny wrote in her judgment.

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Roger Walker holds up a First World War victory medal yesterday, returned to him during a special ceremony at City Hall in Victoria. The medal belonged Walker's grandfather.

Good Samaritan returns medal

The thief who left a First World War medal in an abandoned cardboard box marked "free" obviously had no idea of the infinite value of sacrifice and memories.

But City of Victoria engineering department worker Rick Brown sure did, and the family of one war veteran is forever grateful.

> **"I just couldn't turn my back on it. I had to find its home."**
> Rick Brown

Yesterday, Brown handed the medal over to the family of Maj. George Dutton Walker, who, after almost two years, had given up hope of ever seeing it again.

The British Empire Medal, inscribed The Great War for Civilization, 1914-1919, was handed out to all Commonwealth soldiers.

Walker, a British army soldier, was gassed on the front lines in France and later lost a leg in combat. He died in 1943 in Manchester, England, before his family emigrated to Canada in 1959. His medal, which had been passed down for generations, made the journey to Canada with them but was later stolen. Brown said he discovered the medal in a box outside of a home in Victoria.

"I just couldn't turn my back on it," said Brown. "I had to find its home."

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N.S. deputy premier apologizes for excessive dinner expenses

HALIFAX Deputy premier Frank Corbett has admitted he made a mistake in expensing meals at several pricey restaurants.

> **"I screwed up and it won't happen again."**
> Frank Corbett

"I screwed up and it won't happen again," Corbett told reporters after a cabinet meeting yesterday.

Corbett, the minister responsible for the public service commission, has rung up the highest meal bills on file for the new NDP government, according to ministerial expense records.

In one instance, he expensed $441.48 for six people at the Keg restaurant in Halifax on June 19, the night he and his 11 cabinet colleagues were sworn in.

Corbett has been promoting cost-cutting within government this fall, having announced freezing the salaries of members of the legislature, senior civil servants and political staff for two years and cutting raises for non-unionized civil servants.

He said he will now reconsider how much he spends at restaurants.

"When I looked back and saw one bill in particular, it bordered on inappropriate and I told the premier this morning I would be reimbursing the province that money," Corbett said, referring to the June 19 meal at the Keg.

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International hacking ring busted
U.S. authorities say they've cracked an international computer hacking ring that stole more than $9 million within 12 hours last November, securing indictments against eight people from Russia, Estonia and Moldova. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Former astronaut pleads guilty

A former astronaut has been sentenced to one year probation after pleading guilty to attacking a romantic rival. Lisa Nowak, left, a Navy captain, pleaded guilty to felony burglary of a car and misdemeanour battery to avoid a trial scheduled next month. She had originally been charged with two felonies, attempted kidnapping and burglary, and misdemeanour battery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fighting flares between Koreas

Naval ship battle comes ahead of U.S. president's visit to Seoul

A badly damaged North Korean patrol ship retreated in flames yesterday after a skirmish with a South Korean naval vessel along their disputed western coast, South Korean officials said.

The first naval clash between the two sides in seven years broke out just a week before U.S. President Barack Obama is due to visit Seoul, raising suspicions the North's communist regime is trying to ratchet up tensions to gain a negotiating advantage.

There were no South Korean casualties, the country's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement. South Korea's YTN television reported that one North Korean officer was killed and three other sailors were wounded, citing an unidentified government source.

Each side blamed the other for violating the sea border.

The exchange of fire occurred as U.S. officials said Obama has decided to send a special envoy to Pyongyang for rare direct talks on the communist country's nuclear weapons program.

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A Soldiers Cross, honouring those who lost their lives in last week's shooting, is set up near the podium where U.S. President Barack Obama spoke yesterday at a memorial service.

News in brief

CHINA Rising temperatures over the next few decades will unleash storms, floods and drought across China's Yangtze River Basin, a report says, raising the prospect of catastrophe for a region home to nearly a third of China's population. While ecosystems along the river are threatened, it's not too late to save them if proper mitigation measures are taken, said the WWF report.

OREGON An Oregon woman accused of killing a pregnant woman and cutting the baby out of her womb will remain in jail without bail pending trial. A judge ruled yesterday that 28-year-old Korena Roberts should remain in custody on aggravated murder charges in the June 5 death of 21-year-old Heather Snively.

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Vatican **Discussing alien life**

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Pope Benedict XVI admires the sky above Sydney, Australia, in this file photo. The Vatican has called in experts to study the possibility of extraterrestrial alien life and its implication for the Catholic Church. The Vatican's chief astronomer says there is no conflict between believing in God and in the possibility of "extraterrestrial brothers" perhaps more evolved than humans.

Obama pays respect to victims of shooting

MILITARY One by one, U.S. President Barack Obama spoke the names and told the stories yesterday of the 13 people slain in the Fort Hood, Texas, shooting rampage, honouring their memories as he denounced the "twisted logic" that led to their deaths.

"No faith justifies these murderous and craven acts; no just and loving God looks upon them with favour," Obama told the crowd on a steamy Texas afternoon.

"And for what he has done, we know that the killer will be met with justice — in this world and the next."

Victims

- The victims range in age from 19 to 62.
- The alleged shooter had ties to extremist Islamic ideology.

He did not name Maj. Nidal Hasan, the military psychiatrist accused of the killings.

As for the victims and the soldiers who rushed to help them, Obama said, "We need not look to the past for greatness, because it is before our very eyes."

He spoke at a memorial service before a crowd estimated at 15,000 on this enormous Army post.

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Couple plead not guilty to streaming sex abuse of four-year-old over Internet

A couple in Washington state have pleaded not guilty to charges that they streamed their sexual abuse of a four-year-old girl over the Internet. Charging papers say the two were caught when a California child molester who had watched it told authorities about it as part of his therapy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Salvadoran flood victims need food aid

At least 10,000 Salvadorans are in urgent need of food aid after floods and mudslides destroyed huge swaths of crops during harvest season, the UN World Food Program said.

Meanwhile, the National Civil Protection Commission raised the death toll to 144, but lowered the number of homeless to 12,930. At least 60 people remain missing.

Heavy rains caused a dozen rivers to jump their banks and sent torrents of mud and boulders tumbling down mountainsides across the Central American country over the weekend, burying entire neighbourhoods.

> **"Severe flooding washed away entire harvests, homes and livelihoods."**
> Dorte Ellehammer, WFP representative

Rescue workers used heavy machinery to dig through the rubble yesterday, while survivors tried to unearth their belongings with anything they could get their hands on.

The WFP is helping feed 500 people in shelters in San Vicente, one of the worst-hit provinces, the UN agency said in a statement. But it said thousands more would need help in the coming days.

"Severe flooding washed away entire harvests, homes and livelihoods," said Dorte Ellehammer, WFP representative in El Salvador.

The WFP said 90 tons of high-energy biscuits will be ready for distribution in two days, a supply that can feed 70,000 people for four days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soldiers **Tribute to the fallen**

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The coffins of six British soldiers are driven through Wootton Bassett, England, after being repatriated at RAF Lyneham. Hundreds gathered in this small English market town yesterday to pay tribute to the six killed in Afghanistan, five of whom shot to death by an Afghan police officer who turned against them.

Landslide triggered by heavy rains kills 42 in south India

INDIA A landslide triggered by torrential seasonal rains swept through a hilly region in southern India, killing at least 42 people, an official said yesterday.

The landslide demolished nearly 300 tin-roofed mud huts Monday in the Ooty and Coonoor region of Tamil Nadu state, a state flood control official said.

Rescuers found 14 bodies in the debris Monday and another 28 yesterday, the official said, adding that eight injured people were hospitalized.

Ooty is a popular tourist destination, but none of those killed or injured were foreigners, he said.

India's June-September annual monsoon rain season causes severe flooding. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Two dead in shooting at U.S. drug facility
A man opened fire with a rifle yesterday at a drug-testing laboratory outside the city of Portland, Ore., killing one woman and wounding two other people before fatally shooting himself, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan market bombed

More than 20 killed as militants targeting more civilians

A suicide car bomber attacked a crowded market in northwestern Pakistan yesterday, killing 24 people and illustrating militants' growing willingness to target civilians in their war against the government.

Taliban insurgents apparently hope the attacks will weaken the army's resolve to wage an offensive against the group's stronghold along the Afghan border.

But the indiscriminate killing could backfire by further turning the public against Islamist extremists, as happened in Iraq.

The bombing was the fourth in about a month to target a market in or around Peshawar, the main city in the northwest. The attacks have produced some of the largest death tolls in the past few years, killing a total of more than 200 people.

The van that exploded outside the market in Charsadda city was packed with some 40 kilograms of explosives, said Liaqat Ali Khan, the senior police chief in the surrounding northwest frontier province.

The blast destroyed several stores and caused panic among the vendors and shoppers who were present at the market.

Three women and three children were among the 24 killed, said Khan. Another 64 people were wounded.

"It was deafening and there were clouds of dust all around. I could not see anything around me," said Rashid Kaka, who was returning to his shop from the local mosque when the bomb exploded.

"Later, I saw many bodies lying scattered."

Three of the recent market attacks in the northwest, including one that killed at least 112 people in Peshawar, have occurred since mid-October, when the army launched an offensive in the northwestern tribal region of South Waziristan.

Prior to the army operation, most militant attacks in Pakistan had targeted security forces or government officials.

No one claimed responsibility for yesterday's attack and the others targeting Pakistani civilians, but the government and independent security analysts say there is no doubt the Taliban are to blame.

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A Pakistani father mourns the death of his son yesterday after a car bombing in Charsadda, Pakistan. A suspected car bomb exploded outside a crowded market killing 24 people in the latest attack by suspected militants apparently aimed at avenging an army offensive along the Afghan border.

Saudi Arabia imposes naval blockade on Yemeni rebels

Saudi Arabia imposed a naval blockade on the Red Sea coast of northern Yemen to stem the flow of weapons and fighters to Shiite rebels along its border, a Saudi government adviser and media reports said yesterday.

Conflict

- Yemen has been embroiled in a sporadic, five-year conflict with Shiite rebels in northern Saada province along the border with Saudi Arabia. The Shiites accuse authorities of neglecting their needs and of allying with hard-line Sunni fundamentalists.

Iran, the dominant Shiite power in the Middle East, warned neighbouring countries not to interfere in Yemen's internal affairs in a clear reference to predominantly Sunni Saudi Arabia. Yemen and the Saudis have accused Iran of sending money and weapons to the rebels to fight government forces. Iran denies the charge.

"We seriously recommend the regional countries and especially the neighbouring countries not interfere in the internal issues of Yemen and instead try to restore stability in Yemen," Iranian Foreign Minister Manochehr Mottaki said yesterday.

Saudi Arabia launched an offensive against the Yemeni rebels last week.

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Clergy in Mexican drug war crossfire

VIOLENCE Gunmen shoot a priest and two seminary students in the back. Federal police storm a mass to capture a suspected drug kingpin. Priests pray with the families of murdered men, then face killers in the confessional.

Mexico's Roman Catholic clergy, increasingly caught in the middle of the nation's drug war, are meeting this week to draft a strategy for coping with the violence, aided by advice from colleagues who faced similar threats in Colombia and Italy.

"We have become hostages in these violent confrontations ..." Archbishop Felipe Aguirre

"We have become hostages in these violent confrontations between the drug cartels living among us," said Archbishop Felipe Aguirre, who works in Acapulco, where the priest and seminary students were killed in June.

Mexico trails only Colombia as the most dangerous place for priests in Latin America, with two out of every 10 priests facing serious risks, according to an August study by the Mexican Council of Bishops.

The council, which began its strategy conference Monday outside the capital, plans to release a report tomorrow.

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News in brief

LONDON British broadcasters say three more government drug policy advisers have quit in an escalating dispute over the U.K.'s policy on marijuana. The BBC and Sky News are reporting that three members of the government's Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs have resigned. Neither broadcaster immediately identified the members concerned or gave a source for their reporting. David Nutt, a professor of neuropsychopharmacology and the chairman of the group, was fired late last month for publicly speaking out against the government's decision to toughen the penalties for possessing marijuana. Two more members then quit in solidarity.

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Man accused of holding principal hostage says he needs psychiatric care

A 42-year-old man accused of holding a New York middle school principal hostage at gunpoint told a judge he needs treatment for depression and shouldn't be locked up after he was told at his arraignment yesterday that he's going to jail without bail on a kidnapping charge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kyoto Prize duo has Canadian roots

JAPAN An evolutionary biologist paid homage to his Canadian roots as he and his wife were presented with the Kyoto Prize yesterday at a ceremony in Japan.

Peter and Rosemary Grant, who attended the University of British Columbia and McGill University, respectively, received the prize in basic sciences for their work looking at rapid evolution caused by natural selection in response to environmental change.

The Kyoto Prize is Japan's highest private award for global achievement honouring contributions to the "scientific, cultural and spiritual betterment of humankind."

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Sniper executed after clemency plea fails

The mastermind of the 2002 sniper attacks that killed 10 in the Washington, D.C., region has been executed. A prison spokesman said John Allen Muhammad died by injection at 9:11 p.m. EDT last night at Greensville Correctional Center.

Muhammad was executed for killing Dean Harold Meyers at a gas station during the spree that terrorized Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., over a three-week period. His teenage accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, was sentenced to life in prison.

Prison spokesman Larry Traylor says Muhammad had no final words. He says he didn't hear him utter a word the entire time.

Virginia's governor had denied clemency yesterday for Muhammad, clearing the way for his execution.

The shootings unleashed a climate of terror, with victims gunned down while doing everyday chores like shopping or pumping gas.

On Oct. 24, 2002, police captured Muhammad and Malvo as they slept at a Maryland rest stop in a car they had outfitted so a shooter could hide in the trunk and fire through a hole in the body of the vehicle.

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Motive

• The motive for the shootings remains murky. Malvo said Muhammad wanted to use the plot to extort $10 million from the government to set up a camp in Canada where homeless children would be trained as terrorists.

News in brief

BRAZIL IN DARK A massive power failure swept over Brazil's two largest cities, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, and other parts of the nation, leaving millions of people in the dark last night. Brazilian media reports said there were problems at the huge Itaipu hydroelectric dam that straddles Brazil's border with Paraguay that caused a loss of 17,000 megawatts of power.

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Freedom is key to all human rights

TheWestView

Today, at 11 a.m., I'll bow my head and remember the men and women who have given their lives to this nation in war.

No one will make me do it. I will do it willingly and gladly, because thanks to them, my family and I are safe and free.

In fact, they gave up their lives to make sure we stayed safe and free.

So what's with the Ipsos-Reid poll finding that 70 per cent of Canadians believe two minutes of silence should be compulsory on Remembrance Day? Six of 10 even believe the compulsory silence should be extended to transit and automobiles.

Mandatory. Compulsory.

Those are exactly the words our troops fight against. Then: Hitler's murderous mandatory and compulsory obsessions. Now: The Taliban's hyped up and just as deadly version of mandatory and compulsory. Our troops fight for freedom from totalitarian obsessions. And yet, nearly three out of four Canadians, meaning well, think it's a good idea for the government to force us to bow our heads and be quiet, if only for two minutes.

I understand where this idea comes from: We're worried that as a nation and a people, we'll forget.

Yet by yearning for a compulsory two minutes of silence, we're already forgetting.

I wonder if we are ever going to get it. "It" is that freedom is the key to all human rights. If I don't feel like bowing my head or I feel like raising my fist in the air as a sign of my resistance against the war in Afghanistan, men and women died for my right to do so.

As it happens, as much as I deplore the Afghan war as an exercise in misguided American zeal, I honour the sacrifice of the 133 Canadian men and women who died trying to bring a better life to the Afghans who have been brutally oppressed by the Taliban.

And I can't see how the dead are honoured by a mandatory requirement for solemnity, no matter how well-intended. In fact, it helps to see through the trappings of Remembrance Day to the hard-core meaning of the war for freedom, as today that precious commodity continues to erode both here and abroad.

Civil disobedience, as annoying as it can be, is the acid test of freedom, and that's one of the things I'll remember today at 11 a.m. as I bow my head.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting; vancouverletters@metronews.ca.

Word on the street: What does Remembrance Day mean to you?

Alysa King
age 23, Toronto

A: As Canadians, it is important to reflect on the men and women who had the courage to put their lives on the line for a country they believed in.

Ben Elliott
age 24, Toronto

A: It's a tradition, but it's beyond just remembering World War One vets ... It's more of a tribute to Canadian Armed Forces in general ... and other peacekeepers.

Sarah Empey
age 23, Toronto

A: This is the day that all veterans are remembered and thanked for contributing to make our country, Canada, the one it is today.

Samantha Emery
age 16, Ottawa

A: All the soldiers that fought for us and the ones that are still fighting now. How we should be grateful for how much people do for us.

Joel Legault
age 34, Ottawa

A: Time to remember not just the fallen heroes, but everyone who has gone out to defend our country.

Leah Mae Butler
age 22, Ottawa

A: A day where we think back to the people who have lost their lives so that we could have our freedom, and also the pointless wars that we fight today.

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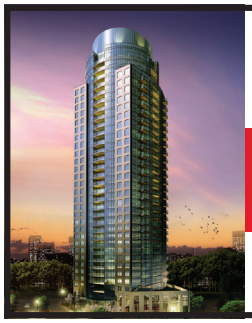

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RBC flush with cash

$17 billion in excess capital, report predicts

Royal Bank of Canada is on track to having a whopping $17 billion in excess capital during its 2012 financial year, says a UBS Investment Research report.

UBS analyst Peter Rozenberg upgraded RBC to a "buy" rating yesterday, arguing that "strong excess capital" would fuel higher returns in future years.

He also estimates that RBC finished fiscal 2009, which ended Oct. 31, with about $8 billion in surplus capital.

12.9% Royal Bank's Tier 1 capital ratio — a key measure of financial strength — stood at 12.9 per cent at the end of its third quarter. That is well above the regulatory minimum of seven per cent and the ratios posted by its main domestic rivals.

Flush with cash, RBC probably has one of the highest capital levels of any bank in the world.

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The offer tops a bid from Cosmos Capital, which had been offering $5.25 per share. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Eaton Centre gets iPhone application

Just in time for holiday shopping, the Eaton Centre has added an Apple iPhone application to its box of marketing tools aimed at attracting hip urban shoppers.

The iPhone application lets shoppers check out store sales, post notes to friends using Twitter or Facebook, track their mall gift card spending and find their way around the mall.

The application is one of 100,000 that can be downloaded from Apple's iPhone App Store, said independent technology analyst Carmi Levy.

With the Eaton Centre being one of Cadillac Fairview's flagship locations, the iPhone app is being put on trial over the holiday season and, depending on how it performs, may be rolled out to other Cadillac Fairview properties, according to Catherine Melchior, head of portfolio marketing for the mall's owner.

Melchior said the cost to develop the application was "minimal" and is being provided as a service to retailers.

Shoppers can download the program for free.

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Mobile Fringe

- The Eaton Centre application was developed in conjunction with Toronto-based software supplier Mobile Fringe, which approached the mall with the idea. Mobile Fringe had developed a more basic version for the Yonge-Dundas downtown Business Improvement Area.

Variety of films translates into more money for Cineplex

MOVIES Cineplex Galaxy Income Fund saw a booming third quarter as higher attendance at its theatres allowed it to raise profits and expand revenues from year-ago levels.

Cineplex said its box-office sales for the quarter were the highest-ever box office revenue for a given quarter at $155.9 million. The increase was attributed to a greater variety of films.

The Toronto-based income trust also reported higher net income of $20.4 million for the third quarter, up from year-ago profit of $18.4 million.

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Yahoo Partnership on track

WONG MAYE-E/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yahoo chief executive officer Carol Bartz addresses an American Chamber of Commerce lunch in Singapore yesterday. Bartz said Yahoo's search partnership with Microsoft — a credible web search challenge against Google — is on track to close in the first quarter of 2010.

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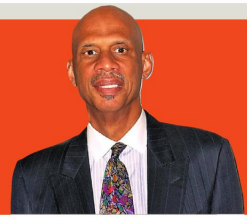

NBA legend has leukemia

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, left, is being treated for a rare form of leukemia, and the basketball great said his prognosis is encouraging. The NBA's all-time leading scorer was diagnosed last December with chronic myeloid leukemia, he said yesterday. The 62-year-old said his doctor told him he has "a very good chance" to live his life out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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d-Pittsburgh	18	12	6	0	24
d-Washington	17	10	3	4	24
d-Buffalo	14	9	4	1	19
New Jersey	15	11	4	0	22
N.Y. Rangers	18	10	7	1	21
Philadelphia	14	9	4	1	19
Boston	17	8	7	2	18
Tampa Bay	15	6	4	5	17
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N.Y. Islanders	17	6	6	5	17
Ottawa	14	7	5	2	16
Montreal	17	8	9	0	16
Atlanta	14	7	6	1	15
Florida	15	5	9	1	11
TORONTO	**16**	**3**	**8**	**5**	**11**
Carolina	16	2	11	3	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	PT
d-San Jose	18	12	4	2	26
d-Colorado	18	12	4	2	26
d-Columbus	16	9	5	2	20
Los Angeles	18	10	6	2	22
Calgary	15	10	4	1	21
Chicago	16	9	5	2	20
Phoenix	17	10	7	0	20
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Detroit	15	7	5	3	17
Edmonton	17	8	8	1	17
Nashville	15	7	7	1	15
Anaheim	15	6	7	2	14
St. Louis	15	5	6	4	14
Minnesota	17	7	10	0	14

YESTERDAY

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Boston 3 Pittsburgh 0
Calgary at Montreal
Edmonton at Ottawa
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Los Angeles at Carolina
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Colorado at Chicago

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TORONTO	**3**	**4**	**.429**	**3.5**
New York	1	7	.125	6
New Jersey	0	7	.000	6.5

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	6	1	.858	-
Orlando	6	2	.750	.5
Atlanta	5	2	.714	1
Charlotte	3	4	.429	2.5
Washington	2	6	.250	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	4	2	.667	-
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	.5
Cleveland	4	3	.571	.5
Detroit	3	4	.429	1.5
Indiana	2	3	.400	1.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	4	2	.667	-
Houston	4	2	.667	-
San Antonio	3	3	.500	1
New Orleans	3	5	.375	2
Memphis	1	6	.143	3.5

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	5	2	.714	-
Portland	4	3	.571	1
Oklahoma City	3	3	.500	1.5
Utah	3	4	.429	2
Minnesota	1	7	.125	4.5

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
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L.A. Lakers	6	1	.857	.5
Sacramento	3	4	.429	3.5
L.A. Clippers	3	5	.375	4
Golden State	2	4	.333	4

YESTERDAY

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Portland at Memphis
Houston at Dallas
Oklahoma City at Sacramento

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Denver at Milwaukee
Cleveland at Orlando
Portland at Minnesota
Memphis at Houston
Dallas at San Antonio
New Orleans at Phoenix
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers

Wild wallop Maple Leafs

NHL RESULT

Minnesota 5 Toronto 2

AT

Mikko Koivu scored one goal and assisted on two others during the pivotal second period as the Minnesota Wild ended the Toronto Maple Leafs' modest two-game win streak with a 5-2 victory last night.

Marek Zidlicky broke a 1-1 tie at 5:44 of the middle frame and 36 seconds after Koivu beat Jonas Gustavsson at 17:29, Greg Zanon made it a three-goal advantage.

Nicklas Backstrom made that stand up with 37 saves for the Wild (7-10-0), who also got goals from Martin Havlat and Owen Nolan into an empty net to win for the fourth time in five games. Minnesota won in Toronto for the first time (1-4-0) since joining the NHL in 2000-01.

Alexei Ponikarovsky and Phil Kessel replied for the Maple Leafs (3-8-5), who had collected points in seven straight games (3-0-4) until playing a dud before a hushed crowd of 19,063. They looked both sluggish and disinterested at times, a surprise given how well Toronto played in Saturday's 5-1 win over the Detroit Red Wings.

Compounding matters, defenceman Mike Komisarek left the game with a lower-body injury after taking just six shifts for 2:47 of ice time. There was no immediate word on the severity of his injury.

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Minnesota's Derek Boogaard hits Toronto's Colton Orr last night at the Air Canada Centre. The Wild went on to beat the Maple Leafs 5-2.

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1. Christian Gagnon	NB, CA	244	114	151	265
2. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	243	124	139	263
3. Rick Kit	ON, CA	243	114	148	262
4. Danny Chan	ON, CA	241	111	150	261
5. Steve Ferguson	ON, CA	239	111	149	260
6. Joanne Doiron	NB, CA	240	112	147	259
6. Paula Almeida-Stille		243	111	148	259
6. Stephen Stille	ON, CA	243	111	148	259
9. Brian B	AB, CA	248	112	144	256
10. Stephanie Warren	NS, CA	235	109	143	252
11. Matty Strathearn	NS, CA	240	113	138	251
11. Patrick Reed	AB, CA	234	115	136	251
13. B Fillmore	BC, CA	237	90	160	250
13. Edward Smith	NS, CA	236	112	138	250
15. Derrick Yee		238	109	140	249

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Leafs lobby for Winter Classic

MLSE No matter how the local teams perform, Toronto could host some big games in the next few seasons.

Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment has made a pitch to the NHL for Toronto to hold the annual Winter Classic at BMO Field, a pair of entry drafts, as well as all-star games for both the NHL and Major League Soccer.

"Over the next four years we hope to have four major events," Richard Peddie, president and chief executive officer of MLSE, said in an interview yesterday after addressing a sports management conference.

Peddie said the company, which owns the Maple Leafs, Raptors and Toronto FC, has made a formal pitch for the 2011 and 2012 NHL entry drafts. The league also "clearly knows we're interested" in a future all-star game and the Winter Classic, which is held outdoors Jan. 1.

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Sports in brief

SWIMMING Sporting a beard and an old-style swimsuit, American Michael Phelps missed out on two finals and barely qualified for a third yesterday at a World Cup short-course swim meet in Sweden. Phelps failed to qualify for the finals of the 100-metre freestyle and 100 backstroke. He qualified in the 100 medley, finishing seventh.

SOCCER The Vancouver Whitecaps and Montreal Impact are among seven clubs looking to form a new league that would break away from the United Soccer Leagues First Division. The teams, unhappy with how USL-1 is owned and managed, have applied to the U.S. Soccer Federation for sanctioning as a Division II league. They will apply shortly to the Canadian Soccer Association as a Division I circuit to begin play in April.

CFL Eight members of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats have been fined an undisclosed amount by the CFL for an excessive touchdown celebration in Sunday's 39-17 trouncing of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

BROKEN JAW Memphis Grizzlies rookie centre Hasheem Thabeet, the second overall pick in the June draft, left last night's game against the Portland Trail Blazers with a broken jaw. Replays appeared to show Thabeet's jaw colliding with forward Zach Randolph's head during a battle under the basket.

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Faldo knighted
Golfer Nick Faldo has been knighted by Queen Elizabeth for a career in which he won six majors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Worst may be over

Hope alive for Leafs, but one bad break could end it all

TheHockeyNews

Two consecutive wins — and possibly three, depending on the outcome of last night's tilt with the lowly Minnesota Wild — has some Maple Leafs fans feeling like the worst may be over for the Blue & White this season.

They may be right. Toronto goalie Jonas Gustavsson may continue his recent stellar play all year and could become the Leafs' first Calder Trophy winner since Brit Selby was named the NHL's top rookie in 1966.

And perhaps Phil Kessel continues his point-per-game pace and finishes an injury-shortened year with 25 goals and 70 points, proving to skeptics that there really is a contingent of young players on Toronto's roster worth believing in.

But, this being the NHL we're talking about, there's always the danger of best-laid plans being brutally disrupted. And there are scenarios out there that, should they come to pass, would easily derail the Leafs' fragile playoff hopes.

Jonas Gustavsson

Scenario 1: Gustavsson gets bowled over in his crease by an opponent and tears ligaments in his knee, sidelining him for the season.

Scenario 2: Carrying the puck through the middle of the ice, Kessel gets blindsided by, say, Philadelphia's Mike Richards, or Carolina's Tuomo Ruutu, and misses the rest of the year with potentially career-ending concussion problems.

Neither of the above examples are far-fetched. In fact, we've seen so many of those types of incidents already this year — OK, maybe not goalies tearing ligaments, but certainly goalies being run over in their crease time and again — that the likelihood of a catastrophic injury happening to a key player are higher than ever.

Look at the Florida Panthers, a franchise that hasn't made the playoffs the last eight seasons and that desperately needs to please its dwindling fan base. Do you think the Panthers can afford to have young sniper David Booth sidelined indefinitely by a concussion from a Richards hit three weeks ago?

Of course they can't. But as long as the NHL refuses to properly address player safety issues, Leafs fans will never be that far away from another dose of spirit-crushing disappointment.

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New facilities for University fo Toronto for Pan Am Games

Toronto's successful bid for the 2015 Pan American Games will result in major new sport and recreational facilities at the University of Toronto. Both the university's Scarborough campus and its downtown campus stand to benefit. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Mansbridge's Mount

Peter Mansbridge, anchor of CBC's The National and one of Canada's most recognized journalists, has been named Mount Allison University's next chancellor. He is due to be installed during a ceremony at the university in May 2010. His term will run from January 2010 to December 2013. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Disabilities may make employers nervous: Poll

EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS A new survey finds some employers are discouraged from hiring people with disabilities due to perceived concerns linked to their ability to do the work.

More than 100 human resource executives from a cross-section of Ontario-based firms took part in the study commissioned by the Job Opportunity Information Network.

Among respondents, 36 per cent say they were discouraged from hiring a person with a disability out of concern that it would be harder to dismiss an underperforming person with a disability than someone without one.

And 24 per cent say concerns over higher absentee rates discouraged them from hiring a person with a disability.

However, employers surveyed also believed hiring an individual with a disability could add both value and a fresh perspective to the workplace 53 per cent saying so in both cases.)

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Prospects for teachers can change on a dime

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Of people applying to teach in Ontario annually, about 9,000 are Ontarians trained at Ontario faculties while 1,400 are Ontarians who attend the U.S. "border colleges."

After a decade when Canadian teacher colleges were so over-subscribed that students flocked to study in the U.S., the scarce job market has begun to slow the education market.

In Ontario between 1998 and 2000, just 500 students a year crossed into the U.S. to study teaching. That number doubled in 2001 and peaked at 1,700 in 2006 as spaces in Canada became harder to come by.

"In 2008, it was about 1,500. I expect the numbers would likely continue to decline for the next few years, because the job market will remain tight," says Frank McIntyre, human resource manager at the Ontario Teachers College. The OTC regulates teachers in the province.

The U.S. drop off has been accompanied by a decline in Ontario. About 11,800 applicants competed for 8,100 spaces in the teachers' education program last year.

"I've seen years when there are as many as 16,000 applicants," McIntyre says.

In the 1990s, with few teaching jobs and the media running stories of layoffs, interest declined to below 8,000. When the job market heated up at the millennium as teachers took advantage of new rules about early retirement, the numbers climbed back up to 16,000.

As those retirements have dried up and fewer jobs are opening up, the number has dropped again.

"It lags (behind the employment market) by a couple of years, because it takes a while for the news to get out to people. I think the natural level of interest is in the 14,000 to 16,000 each year," McIntyre says.

Of people applying to teach in Ontario annually, about 9,000 are Ontarians trained at Ontario faculties, 1,400 are Ontarians who attend the U.S. "border colleges" and 1,000 are Ontarians who train in Australia or Britain. About 2,000 a year are non-Ontarians.

Robert Murphy, vice-president of student affairs and enrollment at D'Youville College in New York state, confirms the trend.

"We have a fairly large Canadian presence on campus (but) it's a smaller than it has been in the past," he says, noting D'Youville has been recruiting Canadians for more than a decade. The college trains teachers who can then work in Canada.

In 2008, they dropped to 796 Canadians out of a student population of 3,000. This year it's down to 600.

"Our understanding is the market has changed in Canada. There are less openings, less positions available, particularly in Ontario," he says. He also cites more places to study in Canada, stricter admissions at D'Youville and a stuttering economy.

Cost concerns

- Tuition at an Ontario teachers' college will run $5,000 to $6,000 a year. In the U.S., students can expect to pay $15,000 to $25,000 a year. Ontario students abroad are eligible for OSAP funding, but not all colleges are covered and the amount will likely be lower for U.S. studies than Canadian. Go to Osap.gov.on.ca to learn more.

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The trials and triumphs of pitchers from the past

Dragons' Den

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This week's special edition of Dragons' Den catches up with some of the most memorable entrepreneurs, such as Ben Gulak (third from right) who got a deal with the Dragons last season for Uno, his motorcycle invention with two side-by-side wheels.

People often ask me about what happens to the entrepreneurs who pitch their ideas on Dragons' Den — who has been successful? Has their product taken off? Are the Dragons happy about the deals they did — or didn't do?

Well good news: Tonight's episode is an update show! Our producers travelled the country talking to people who have appeared on the program over the past three seasons. And it is indeed fascinating to hear what's happened since they left the Den.

I find it equally interesting that people always want to know the rest of the story. We are an instinctively curious species it seems! And of course, those moments captured on tape for CBC Television's popular reality show are just one short chapter in the ongoing saga of these entrepreneurs — one that started before they came to the Den, and one that continues, in one form or another, after they've left the CBC studio.

You, too, are living just one chapter in your professional life. Where's your story headed? Wouldn't it be fantastic to know what's coming next? But of course there's never a way to know if we are on the brink of greater success, or if there's disappointment ahead.

One thing that comes clear in tonight's episode is that getting "No" for an answer doesn't have to be discouraging. Among the updates are a number of business people who took serious heat from the Dragons — and didn't get a deal — yet went on to make surprising achievements.

So often when a person experiences a disappointment, someone attempts to comfort them with that popular saying: "Whenever one door closes, another opens." However, no one mentions that the door that opened could be the door to depression and possibly rehab!

But in learning about the fortunes of those people who've braved the Den, what strikes me is that with the right attitude, hard work and persistence, anything is possible.

A friend of mine has a catchphrase: "If it is to be, it's up to me." I like that — because it's true, we can only control our own actions. And even though there are always external factors that play a role in our careers, this episode of Dragons' Den proves that those who can maintain a positive outlook, and do all that they can to strive for success, are the most likely to enjoy their own happily ever after.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den and the weekend anchor on the CBC News Network. Watch Dragons' Den at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.

Are you sure you're ready for the job hunt?

GETTING READY Employees say they expect the unexpected when it comes to their careers, yet a new survey suggests there may not be a lot of action to back up that claim, according to a Robert Half International poll. Although 82 per cent of workers polled said they would be ready to conduct a job search if they lost their jobs tomorrow, only 20 per cent had updated their resumés in the last three months. Forty-four per cent hadn't revised their resumés in more than a year.

"Workers who are prepared in the event of a sudden job loss also are ready when new employment opportunities arise, including those within their own companies," said Reesa Staten, senior vice-president and director of workplace research for Robert Half International.

"A current resumé is an essential career tool — the longer it remains untouched, the harder it is to update, since specific achievements are not always easy to recall. Creating a 'personal personnel file' where you place kudos can help you keep track of your successes."

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Employment expert Reesa Staten

Staten added, "A compelling resumé is just the first building block of a successful job search. It's also imperative to have an active network and up-to-date skills. Many people may focus on one particular area during a job search when many factors can play a part in career advancement."

To help professionals evaluate how prepared they are to launch a job search, Upwardly Mobile, Inc. (UpMo.com) recently collaborated with Robert Half International to develop a new tool, the Job-Hunt Readiness Evaluator. , check it out at rhi.com/jobhuntreadiness.

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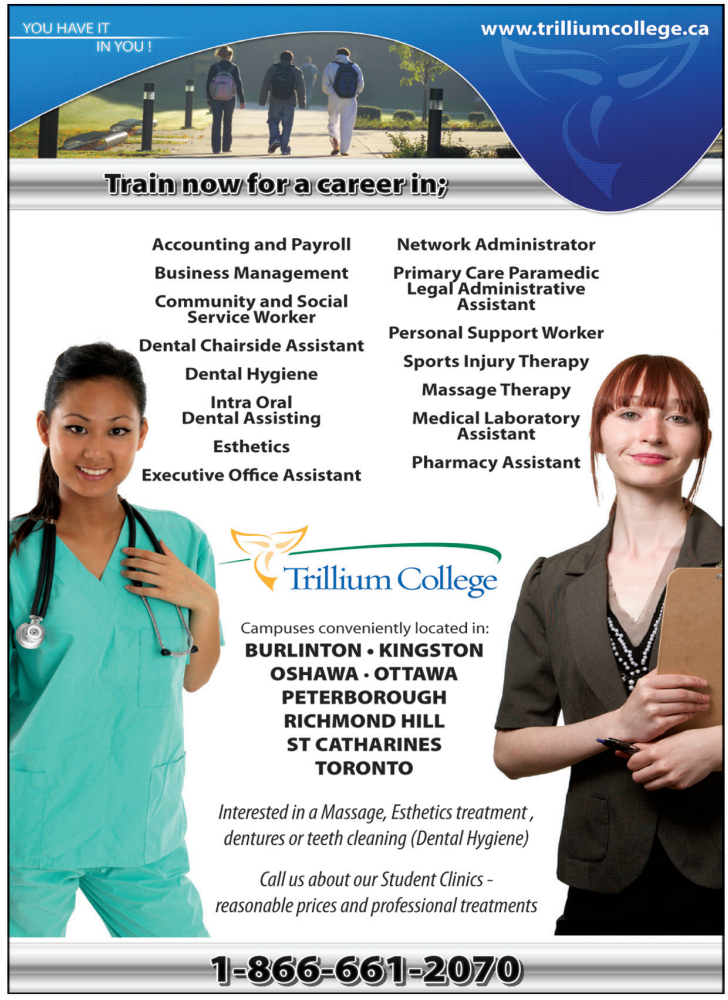

Mohawk College launches student video contest

Mohawk College, in Hamilton, Ont., is running a contest in which current students are invited to produce three-minute videos explaining why they chose to attend the institution. The first-place winner will receive $1,000. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Precedent set for woman fired for being pregnant

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Jessica Maciel was crestfallen. Fired on her first day of work after disclosing she was pregnant, Maciel was not about to go quietly.

Just out of school, Maciel secured her first full-time job as a receptionist for Fashion Coiffures, a Toronto area beauty salon. Unbeknownst to the salon, when it hired Maciel she was four months pregnant.

During a training session on her first day of work, Maciel experienced morning sickness.

After explaining that she was pregnant to Cinzia Conforti, the salon's manager, Conforti's tone shifted and she promptly expressed concern about Maciel's "long-term availability." Fifteen minutes after the call ended, Maciel was told to pack up her belongings and leave the salon to go home.

At a recent hearing before the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal, the salon attempted to explain its actions in terminating Maciel by arguing that after she started work, she asked for a part-time position but that the salon could only accommodate her in a full-time role.

Senior human rights adjudicator Naomi Overend rejected Conforti's explanation. In a decision finding the Salon guilty of discrimination, Overend saw no credible explanation for the salon's argument that Maciel had applied for and accepted a full-time position and then suddenly proposed a part-time job. According to Overend, it was clear that the disclosure of Maciel's pregnancy was the only factor in the Salon's decision to fire her — only moments later.

Maciel was awarded nearly $20,000 for lost wages and employment insurance benefits she would have been eligible for, as well as another $15,000 in "punitive" damages for breach of the Human Rights Code.

This decision, while not novel, should give employers pause for at least two reasons. First, I learned about the case from a mass press release sent by the Human Rights Legal Support Centre, a government-sponsored program that argues cases of discrimination on behalf of employees. Aside from this column, or perhaps the morning news, employers rarely had to concern themselves with negative public scrutiny arising from seeing their names widely broadcasted on the wrong side of a press release — until now.

Second, the broad panoply of potential damage awards for human rights violations considerably increases the scope and unpredictability of human rights litigation before provincial tribunals. Since many of these cases involve social or moral rights, employers should be prepared to settle meritorious claims quickly or risk facing an award of damages designed to act as a precedent.

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Jessica Maciel at her home in Mississauga with son Anthony.

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Travel

All eyes on Eve

After a one-hour TV documentary about skinny dipping attracted plenty of eyeballs when it aired on Travel and Escape last year, the channel decided to expand the concept. The result is Skinny Dip, a six-part travelogue series that debuts Wednesday, Nov. 18. Eve Kelly, left, an attractive 25-year-old Newfoundlander, returns as host, journeying to countries in search of exotic swimming holes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Snow is more fun in Ischgl

In this Tyrolean village, dubbed the 'alpine Ibiza,' the après-ski is non-stop

CÉLIA PEDROSO
Metro World News

While other European ski resorts are still waiting for prime conditions, winter sports enthusiasts know they can find snow in Ischgl. This charming village in the Tyrol, in southern Austria has 215 kilometres of runs, and 90 per cent of them are above 2,000 metres.

The resort suits both novice and expert skiers and snowboarders, but also attracts those whose specialty is après-ski.

Experienced skiers will find excellent black-diamond and off-trail areas between 1,400 and 2,900 metres. In fact, the resort — technically known as the Ischgl/Samnaun Silvretta Arena — has been regularly voted among the top 10 European ski resorts.

Party time begins in the Patznauner Taja hut, where you can drink the local Jagatee (tea spiked with rum or Austrian Schnapps). Strategically located at the end of run No. 1 you can find more watering holes: the Trofana-Alm, and the famous Kuhstall (which means cow barn).

These are some of the best bars, but the truth is that in Ischgl there is après-ski to be found everywhere.

You'll soon understand why Ischgl is known as the "alpine Ibiza," and how quickly winter sports activities can be forgotten.

The nightlife continues at the crowded Pacha and Coyote Ugly, clubs where you can run into people like Paris Hilton or Tina Turner, should that appeal.

The ski area connects Austria to Switzerland and it's worth skiing down to the latter country to buy watches, perfume and cigarettes at wallet-friendly prices.

Samnaun, on the Swiss side, is a duty-free area, and prices are typically 30 per cent cheaper. There are border facilities, and you should take your passport. To return to Ischgl, you must use the large cable car at Samnaun.

The best way to chill out after all this activity might be to spend a few hours in the Spa and Wellness Centre at the boutique Hotel Madlein: Get a massage, a treatment or simply relax and meditate in the Fire Room, and gaze at the snow outside.

Above, signs point the way to global destinations against a backdrop featuring the Tyrolean Alps.

The Pardorama, a mountain restaurant at Ischgl.

The Fire Room, part of the spa at the Hotel Madlein.

RUTH SCHAFFRATH PHOTOS

Good to know

- Hotel Garni Caroline, a budget option, from about $750 for one week, with ski pass and a meal. Also try the Silvretta Hotel, from $990 per week.
- Restaurant Pardorama, at Pardatschgrat, features modern architecture and a great view. In the village, try the pizzeria Bära Falla.
- Try Tyrolean cuisine in the huts, particularly the mountain cheese Paznauner Almkäse and the Tiroler Knödelsuppe (bread and bacon meatballs).
- Avoid school holiday time. Off-peak you'll find good offers and the runs are quieter.
- To get there, fly into Innsbruck airport and then take the skishuttle or rent a car.
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Getting the goods in Bangkok

Asia's most dynamic city is a haven for budget-bound shoppers

IMOGEN WALL
Metro World News

Crazy 24-hour street markets and neon-lit bars filled with dancing girls — even if you've never been to Bangkok, chances are you've heard of its exotic reputation.

Backpackers still arrive in droves, but this is also a cosmopolitan, thrilling and stylish city that can be enjoyed for almost nothing. And once you've saved a few pennies in some areas, you can blow them on the treats that Bangkok has to offer.

Step into Bangkok's exotic whirl and it's hard to believe that this huge and hectic city started life so recently. On May 6, 1782, a day deemed auspicious by royal astronomers, King Phraya Chakri began construction of his new palace at Baang Mákàwk (Olive Plum riverbank).

He called his new capital "Great City of Angels, the Repository of Divine Gems, the Great Land Unconquerable, the Grand and Prominent Realm, the Royal and Delightful Capital City full of Nine Noble Gems, the Highest Royal Dwelling and Grand Palace, the Divine Shelter and Living Place of Reincarnated Spirits" — a title still in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's longest city name.

This was too much for regional traders who truncated the original name to Bangkok, but Thais still often call their capital Krung Threp or City of Angels.

King Chakri's Grand Palace is now open to the public: At about $16 it's not cheap, but you can easily spend a whole day wandering around. Temples, on the other hand, are free and there are dozens of them.

To see the city, avoid the touristy tuk tuks and jump on a riverboat. A day pass costs under $4 with stops at many of the major sights.

Bangkok is also all about shopping. Head to the epic Chatuchak weekend market, where everything from opals to opium beds is up for sale in the 15,000 stalls. This is the place to go for stylish knick-knacks; watch your purse, don't forget to barter andpick up a free map because you will get lost. Get the sky train to Morchit and follow the crowds.

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A Thai woman chooses a handicraft item as she is seen through an artistic window decoration at an interior design shop in Bangkok,

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Shoppers in a market area of Bangkok.

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Tweeting at sea
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FRANK VAN DEN BERGH

BRIANNA MAY

Left, a row of traditional Thai dresses for sale. Right, antique Buddha statues being offered for sale at a market in Bangkok.

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Bangkok has fabulous fabrics, especially silks, and is a hub for exotic decor items from across Thailand, so combining your trip with a little stylish redecorating is highly recommended. I stock up on cushions, throws and hangings, not to mention lacquer plates and carvings.

On my last trip I bought enough to transform my living room for a fraction of the cost back home. Gorgeous shops with a dizzying range of silks can be found across the city, but Chatuchak market has the best selection, as well as some beautiful furniture which marketeers will happily arrange to have shipped home to you.

And be sure to keep a little cash aside to go and celebrate your shopping success with Bangkok's beautiful people at the Sky Bar. It's expensive but you don't need to eat — the unforgettable view is yours for a $11 cocktail.

Best budget accommodation: The HQ Hostel, hqhostel.com, costs just $15.50 but includes free Internet, and interiors showcased in Elle Decor.

Best restaurant: Don't go to one! Instead, brave the street eats. Try MBK food court near the National Stadium.

Best drinks: Bangkok specializes in glamourous rooftop bars with magical views. The Sky Bar is on floor 64th of the State Tower.

Best shopping area: Try Chatuchak for bargains — or for a spot of Thai mysticism, head to the Ta Prachan Amulet Market.

Going out: Combine cheap eats, shopping for exotic trinkets and occasionally free music at Suan Lum night market in Lumpini park.

Three things to do for free:

- Temples, temples and more temples. From the Temple of Dawn (Wat Arun) with its 70-metre tower built of Chinese glass to Wat Mahathat, home to Thailand's largest monastic order, you'll never see them all. Most are free, but remember thatno shorts or tank tops are permitted.
- There are all sorts of weird and wonderful free events every night in Bangkok. Check the listings in BK magazine or the Real Time section in the Bangkok Post on Fridays for a feast of options.
- Free dance at the Erawan shrine near Siam Square — if you're lucky. Devotees of this Hindu god sponsor performances of traditional Thai dance to give thanks when their wishes are granted. Even if you miss out on the dancing, the shrine is worth a look.

Good to know

Guidebooks: Rough Guide cover the basics, but for a real insider's look try Bangkok Inside Out by Daniel Ziv and Guy Sharett.

Getting there: There are dozens of flights to choose from. Indirect flights are usually cheaper: Try Indian airline Jet Air for some of the best deals.

Getting around: Try the super-efficient Sky Train — day passes are about $4 — or taxis, but remember to ask for the meter.

When to go: November to February — outside the rainy season.

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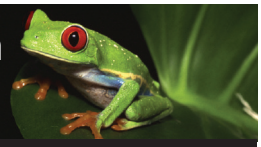

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Hotel room prices continue to drop

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High-tailing it to Deadwood

The South Dakota town that inspired the HBO series still prizes its gambling

Legalized gambling began in Deadwood on Nov. 1, 1989, when an actor portraying Wild Bill Hickok, accompanied by a woman portraying Calamity Jane, shot a revolver into the air.

This month the historic town celebrates not just 20 years of legalized gambling, but also the economic rejuvenation that has come along with it.

Before voters approved the change in the state constitution that allowed casinos to open in Deadwood, buildings around town were crumbling and businesses were dying. Then most of Main Street was converted to casinos. Real estate started to sell for far more than anyone had imagined.

The entertainment industry noticed. Actor Kevin Costner bought a casino after making his hit movie, Dances with Wolves, in South Dakota. HBO created an acclaimed series, Deadwood, that ran for three seasons and capitalized on the town's notorious past. Characters in the show included Hickok, a real gunfighter who was killed in Deadwood during a poker game in 1876.

Today, Deadwood has about three dozen casinos, 3,500 slots machines and about 100 card tables, according to the state Gaming Commission. Over the years, the casino industry brought 2,000 jobs, millions of dollars in profits, and money for extensive renovations to Deadwood's buildings and infrastructure.

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In this file photo, Markus Volimas, who plays the role of Wild Bill Hickok in daily re-enactments, shows his guns as he stands outside the Saloon No. 10 on Main Street in Deadwood, S.D.

"I think that's kind of the next evolution, toward an even more broad-based entertainment venue."
Senator Tom Nelson

The latest new local attraction is a new $47 million resort, The Lodge at Deadwood. It includes a four-storey hotel, convention centre, water park, restaurant, bar and casino. The hotel, water park and bar opened Nov. 6, and the casino and restaurant will be ready in early December.

"I think that's kind of the next evolution, toward an even more broad-based entertainment venue," State Senator Tom Nelson said.

Deadwood's casinos are only allowed to offer slot machines and card games, including blackjack and poker, and bets in South Dakota may not exceed $100.

Nelson, a member of the committee that won approval for legalized gambling two decades ago, said the gambling industry may eventually ask to add craps and roulette in Deadwood. But he said supporters probably won't push the idea in next year's legislative session, because lawmakers will work mostly on balancing the state budget while revenues are declining. Nelson also said he doubts any effort will be made to change the bet limit.

Ken Gienger, president of the Deadwood Gaming Association and general manager of the Celebrity Hotel, says the industry is not yet ready to ask state voters for changes.

"We've had discussions, but nothing definitive," said

Meanwhile, Deadwood is working on attracting more visitors by offering music acts and other entertainment, Nelson added.

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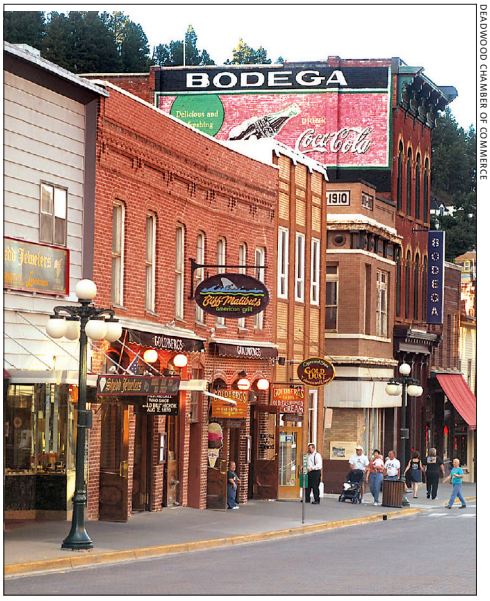

DEADWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A view of Deadwood's historic Main Street

Big profits

- Through June 30, the end of the last budget year, gamblers had bet more than $12.7 billion in the Deadwood casinos. They won back nearly $11.6 billion, which left more than $1.1 billion in gross revenue.

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Beaverbrook Gallery a Canadian treasure

Ownership of 'amazing' collection in dispute

If you want to see some of the finest art in the world you don't need to visit New York, London or Paris — a small but prestigious gallery in New Brunswick may be just what you're looking for.

Nestled along the edge of the St. John River, located across the street from the New Brunswick Legislature in Fredericton, the Beaverbrook Art Gallery is home to paintings by Dali, Turner, Freud, and Gainsborough, to name just a few.

The gallery opened in 1959. It was a gift from British-Canadian press baron Max Aitken, the first Baron Beaverbrook, to the province where he grew up. It included about 350 paintings from his collection, those of friends, associates and other donors — a collection now valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Christa Keirstead, left, and Jacques Martin visit the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton, N.B.

"At that time it was one of the finest, and still is, finest galleries in Canada," said Bernard Riordon, director and CEO of the gallery. "He collected paintings that we couldn't collect any more."

For the last six years, 133 of those paintings have been at the centre of a custody dispute which has kept the gallery in the news. The heirs of Lord Beaverbrook claim the paintings were simply on loan, and they want to sell them to raise money for the Canadian and U.K. Beaverbrook foundations.

In September, the gallery won a lengthy court battle with the U.K. Foundation and was awarded custody of 85 of the paintings, but the foundation is appealing. A claim by the Canadian foundation for about another 80 paintings has yet to be heard by the courts. But for now, none of that matters to those who want to see the amazing collection.

"At that time it was one of the finest, and still is, finest galleries in Canada. He collected paintings that we couldn't collect any more"
Bernard Riordon

Visitors to the gallery are greeted as they enter by the huge Santiago el Grande by Salvador Dali, donated by Sir James and Lady Dunn, that hangs near the main entrance.

"It has been our signature piece and hanging here since 1959," Riordon said.

The collection has expanded to include approximately 3,500 pieces of art, although current space restrictions permit only about 10 per cent to be shown at any time.

However, Riordon said they rotate the works and loan many of them to other galleries.

The gallery now has between 35,000 and 40,000 visitors each year, along with approximately 5,000 students who take art tours.

The guestbook includes addresses around the globe.

The gallery celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2009 and as part of the celebration, the federal government announced $3.4 million for the gallery to upgrade its facilities.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Good to know

- Beaverbrook Art Gallery: The gallery is open every day with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's day. Admission is $8 for adults, $6 for seniors, $3 for students and free for children under six years of age.

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Top ski resorts
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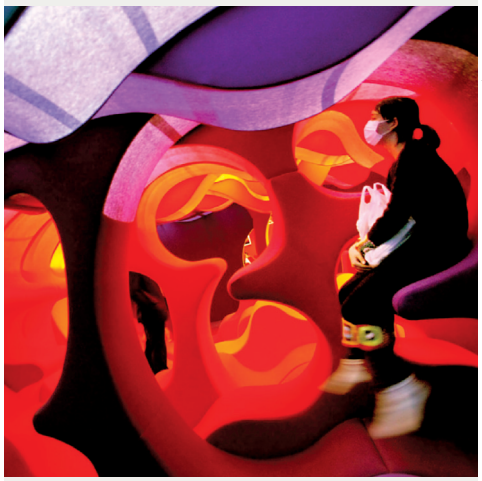

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A visitor to the Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery sits in a furniture installation called Phantasy landscape Visiona 2, by the revered Danish design master Vernon Panton.

Travel in brief

TRAVEL DEALS The New Hampshire tourism department has started offering special deals to fans of its Facebook page. More than 1,500 people have registered as fans of the VisitNH page on Facebook since it was created in late July. Starting this month, they'll be rewarded with travel and tourism discounts. The first deal is 50 per cent off midweek accommodations at the Church Landing inn on Lake Winnipesaukee in Meredith, N.H.

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New travel site offers 'targeted' content searches

An online search of any major North American city will yield a flood of blogs, advertisements, and diarists' musings.

A Google search of Vancouver alone yields 87 million hits. Narrow it down to "Vancouver dining" and you still get 8.3 million responses. To help sort through this wealth of material, a pair of New Yorkers has created Moebii, a website that aggregates recent travel journalism and employs a user-rating system to keep its content current and on point.

A search of Vancouver on Moebii at moebii.com/pages/index.php yields a manageable 35 stories published since 2007, from sources like the Los Angeles Times, Miami Herald, and Frommers.com.

Moebii is also a good source for content that lets you get a feel for a place. A search of Varanasi, the sacred Hindu city on the Ganges River, pulls up only 13 entries, but many of them are thoughtful meditations that explore the meaning and the feel of the place. What you're unlikely to find on Moebii: restaurant and hotel reviews, travel directions, weather, and other nuts and bolts of seeing a new place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro Drive

Ford belts it out

Riding shotgun lost some of its lustre recently when Ford announced the industry's first inflatable seatbelts, which it claims will provide five times the protection of a conventional belt and could increase the number of back-seat passengers who buckle up. WIRED.COM

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Greener rides for Winter Olympics

CHEVY FUEL CELLS The Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games got a little greener with the launch of the zero emission Chevrolet Equinox fuel cell demonstration fleet that will operate in Vancouver until the end of the Games.

The fleet will transport a wide array of people, including the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) representatives, media, athletes, government representatives and everyday Vancouver drivers, to experience the benefits of hydrogen fuel cells and to see just how far GM's fuel cell research has advanced.

The fuel-cell Equinox is Canadian engineered and manufactured and became part of the world's largest consumer fuel-cell demonstration fleet.

The fleet will include over 4,600 fuel-efficient sedans, passenger vans, SUVs and trucks from Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac and more than 30 per cent of these will have advanced green technologies.

These include on-road technologies like hybrid systems, flex fuel capability and active fuel management systems that make GM vehicles serious contributors to reduced fuel consumption and CO_2 emissions.

FROM CARGUIDE

The 2010 Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon, identical to the sedan from the rear doors forward, blends wagon utility with sports sedan engineering.

CTS Wagon: Caddy cool

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Lately, the General has taken quite a beating. So at the launch of the 2010 Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon, GM spokespeople spent no time going over their financial woes and recovery plan, of which we are all well acquainted.

Instead, the focus was that Cadillac is now 10 years into a product renaissance, and just having updated one model and adding another, they are hoping for a brighter future in the luxury segment.

I remember the days when Cadillac ownership went along with retirement and Tilley hats. The current vehicle lineup, in sharp contrast to the land barges of yesteryear, now includes the dramatic XLR and the red-hot, 556-hp CTS V — cars which would have grandpa clutching his chest after a turn at the wheel.

And in keeping with the spirit of renaissance and revival, Cadillac has put its own stamp on a North American icon, the full-size station wagon that has all but disappeared domestically, with the departure of the Dodge Magnum.

The 2010 CTS Sport Wagon, a first for the nameplate, is no remake of the Olds Vista Cruiser, but a truly modern spin on the classic wagon design.

Sure, you get utility.

The CTS wagon, essentially the same size as the CTS sport sedan on which it is based, provides nearly double the carrying capacity with 720 litres behind the rear seats and 1,642 litres with them folded.

The Sport Wagon's rear cargo uses a combination of sliding tie downs and a moveable floor/divider to help keep your stuff in place.

But there's much more to this vehicle than its ability to haul boxes and furniture. Firstly, it's a head-turner. I'll admit that I wasn't initially a fan of the CTS sedan when it launched.

The car's sharp creases and in-your-face angularity were a bit jarring at first, but its look has since grown on me, and I find it works even better in a wagon design.

The CTS Wagon not only looks the part of a sport wagon, it is pretty much identical, mechanically and visually, to the proven CTS Sports Sedan from the rear doors forward.

It is powered by a standard 3.0-litre direct injection V6 engine with variable valve timing that delivers 270 hp and 223 lb/ft of torque at 5700 rpm. In a vehicle that weighs in the neighbourhood of two tons, this powerplant has its work cut out for it.

Fuel economy is pretty good for a full-size wagon at 11.3/7.2 L/100km (hwy/city for the 3.0 litre RWD) and 11.8/7.5 L/100km (hwy/city for the 3.6 litre RWD).

2010 Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon

Type: Full size wagon
Price: from $44, 325
Engine: 3.0-litre direct injection V6 with variable valve timing; 3.6-litre direct injection V6

Highlights

- Impressive looks
- Huge rear cargo space

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Hitting top gear with Tarantino

Director reveals ultimate racing movie to Metro

ADAM HAY-NICHOLLS
Metro World News

"My driveway looks like the set of Gone in 60 Seconds."
Quentin Tarantino

GETTY IMAGES

Director Quentin Tarantino recently shared his racing movie fantasies with Metro.

Quentin Tarantino didn't go to film school. "I went to the movies instead," he chuckles, and it shows.

Mention even the most obscure film, and QT will wax lyrical about it. Each of his movies — from Reservoir Dogs to Inglorious Basterds — is a love letter to cinema, a pastiche of different genres. He touched on road movies with Death Proof, but what if he were to direct a motor -racing themed movie?

It comes as no surprise that he would ape the B-movie genre.

"I'm a big fan of some of the racing movies that came out of American International Pictures in the '60s. Like The Young Racers — where this badass driver takes bedding women as seriously as he does winning races."

Metro has placed a thought in the Oscar-winning director's head and he is getting animated.

"If I were to direct a racing movie I would look to mimic a lot of that AIP flavour. I would probably draw inspiration from Red Line 7000, which was made in 1965 and starred James Caan. It actually plays like a really great Elvis Presley movie. I like the way that it has a community of characters all staying in this Holiday Inn together and hanging out.

"For the soundtrack, I'd have hard-driving music with bongos and sitars, like in Richard Rush's Thunder Alley. I used part of that score in Death Proof."

Race fans say the greatest movies are Grand Prix and Le Mans, but QT strongly disagrees.

"Grand Prix should be great, but it's not. Le Mans sounds like it should be fantastic, but to be honest I'm not sure I've ever managed to watch it through till the end without falling asleep. And Paul Newman's Winning is even worse. I'd rather saw my fingers off than sit through that again.

"To me Days of Thunder is the movie Grand Prix and Le Mans should have been. Sure, it had a big budget, big stars, and a big director in Tony Scott, but it had the fun of those early AIP movies. I just don't think it works if you take the whole thing too seriously."

As for his garage, Quentin likes to take his work home with him.

"I bought the Pussy Wagon when I finished Kill Bill. I mean, what was I going to do, give it to somebody else? No! Then I bought a new Mustang and got it painted in the Kill Bill colours — yellow with a black stripe. And I also have the Dodge Challenger and Charger from Death Proof. My driveway looks like the set of Gone in 60 Seconds."

QT's fave race films

- **Days of Thunder (1990)** Tom Cruise switches from open wheel racing to NASCAR, and his hot temper gets him into trouble with other drivers and his team bosses. "Hands down the best big budget racing movie ever."

- **The Wild Racers (1968)** A stock car hotshot heads to Europe to make it in F1. His winning on the track, however, serves to alienate the woman he loves. "It's shot like an Antonioni film. Avant-garde, but still a proper racing movie."
- **The Last American Hero (1973)**

"This movie is about the king of stock car drivers from those early days. Jeff Bridges' performance, as a young kid from the sticks trying to make it to the big time, is right on the money."

An Italian job for ailing Chrysler

AutoPilot
Mike Goetz
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Chrysler's new Italian management recently announced B- and C-segment Fiat-based cars for North America in the near future.

Last week Fiat announced its five-year plan for Chrysler. Up until this point, it hadn't said "boo" about its newly purchased car company.

There was obviously much to talk about. Several hours into the press conference some in attendance wondered, "is it the plan, or the reading of the plan, that's going to take five years?"

In the end, the plan was delivered in just less than seven hours.

And now all is clear. Not really, but let's pretend.

This much we know…

The very tiny and very cool Fiat 500 will be sold at selected urban dealerships sometime in late 2010 and will remain a Fiat — not a re-badged Dodge or Chrysler.

Fiat will spend $23 billion on Chrysler over the next five years. It will take two to three years before we start seeing Fiat-based Dodges, Jeeps and Chryslers, and then we'll see a slew of them.

For example, Fiat-based B-segment cars are not expected until 2013. Currently Chrysler sells no B-segment cars (think Honda Fit, Toyota Versa, Ford Fiesta, etc.)

The first Fiat-based models will be C-segment vehicles in 2012, under new Dodge and Chrysler and nameplates (Jeep variants come a year later).

The Dodge brand will no longer include trucks. Some entries will be phased out sometime after 2010, like Nitro, Dakota, and Viper.

They are not in denial about quality issues. Noted Doug Betts, Chrysler's senior vice president for quality: "We get it… We've got an issue to deal with, in terms of what people think about us and the reasons behind what they think."

We also know the Chrysler will no longer play that game, where it produced too many cars, and then had to deep discount them to get them moving. It will also sell fewer cars to the less-profitable fleet markets.

What we don't know:

- How the Jeep fraternity might relate to some Fiat-based Jeeps?
- Much about Fiat/Chrysler's long-term alternative-energy minded products.
- How future storms might affect "the plan" and ultimately, Chrysler's future?

But it's great that Chrysler is finally moving forward with a plan, and in partnership with a globally based partner that has experience in turning fortunes around.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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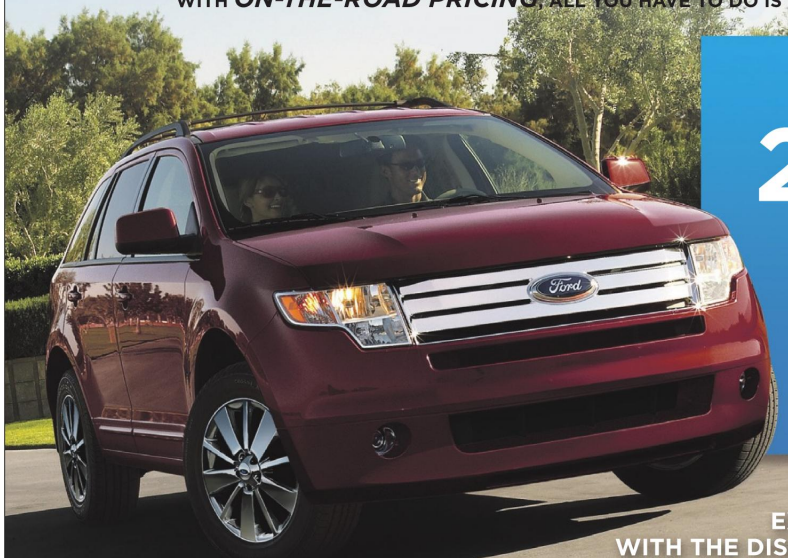

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On budget? Think Optra

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
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Second Gear

Chevrolet Optra may be relatively unproven as a used buy, but offers low price and high flexibility.

MODEL: 2004 to 2007 Chevrolet Optra
VEHICLE TYPE: Sedan, five-door hatch or wagon
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $3,500 to $9,500

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: The Optra was a re-badged Daewoo sold to us Canadians as a sedan, wagon or five-door hatchback called the Optra 5. The marketing folks at Chevrolet hoped it would win shoppers over with its low price, generous flexibility and selection.

The Optra intended to be cheap to run, and all models got a two-litre four cylinder engine with 119 horsepower. This powerplant wont' get drivers into any trouble , but it will keep fuel bills well in check. A four-speed automatic or five-speed manual and drove the front wheels. Features included a sunroof, premium audio, air conditioning, side airbags, ABS brakes and fog lamps.

With these features and Optra's higher-than-average availability of different body styles, finding one to suit a particular budget or lifestyle should be fairly easy.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Optra owners rave about styling and comfort, as well as the interior space and ease of access of their machines. This holds especially true where the hatchback or wagon is concerned. For the price, an Optra 5 or Optra Wagon is tough to beat in terms of cargo hauling capacity.

Driving dynamics and braking performance are also highly rated for such an inexpensive vehicle.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Frequent complaints were encountered about the Optra's "thin" sheet metal which may dent easily. Other gripes included various squeaks and rattles and a weak air conditioner.

Note that many owners who didn't opt for the antilock brakes wish they had — especially in winter driving conditions.

COMMON ISSUES: Optra wasn't what you'd call a smash hit in terms of sales volumes — and it was on sale for a relatively short period of time. As such, its overall reliability as a used vehicle is somewhat inconclusive. Common sense used-car checks should be your starting point. Ensure proper functionality from all interior accessories, check tire wear, fluids and all lights. A test drive should see a fairly quiet ride that's free of front end clunking or grinding over bumps, and the brakes should stop the car quickly and in a straight line. Note that any unusual vibration or squealing from the brakes indicates a problem, as does a spongy pedal that wants to go to the floor. Ultimately, Optra doesn't seem to suffer from any serious systematic issues, but it is largely un-proven. Given the low price they command in the used market, why not budget for an inspection at your local dealer or garage, just to be safe? Remember: your Chevrolet dealer's service department can check whether the Optra you're looking at has any outstanding recall-related work, too.

THE VERDICT: There are more popular and familiar vehicles in the Optra's class — but they're typically more expensive. An Optra in good shape with a thumbs-up from a licensed mechanic should prove a decent choice for shoppers who have prioritized flexibility and price.

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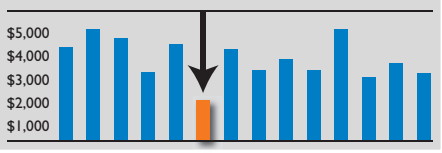

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Nissan most fun

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McCarthy's practical pick

MyDrive

Heather Buchan

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She is one of Canada's most honoured actresses — a two-time Genie, Gemini and Dora Award-winner — but despite her fame and acclaim on both the stage and screen, when it comes to everyday life, Sheila McCarthy doesn't care much about bells and whistles. And her simple life philosophy extends to her cars, too.

"Actually, the plan for the next part of my life is to not be in my car as much," says the star of Little Mosque on the Prairie, who currently drives a sage-green 2007 Subaru Outback. "In all honesty, I'm not really a car person. But the Subaru is very practical and dependable," she adds.

Actress Sheila McCarthy recently wrapped up the fourth season of Little Mosque on the Prairie.

Having recently wrapped the internationally acclaimed Canadian comedy's fourth season, during which time she commuted from her home in Stratford, Ont. to the show's studios in Toronto, McCarthy is reveling in what she calls her "season to do benefits."

"Little Mosque sort of affords me the time off to do other stuff," she explains. "This is payback time."

Aside from her ongoing work with Free The Children, which has taken her to Bolivia and has her currently working on an Elvis-themed fundraising event, the mother of two is also in the midst of organizing an annual quilting fundraiser for Well Spring Cancer Support Centres.

With such a busy schedule, the star of classic movies including I've Heard The Mermaids Singing and Free Willy, spends a lot of time in her Subaru.

"I've had my Subaru for three years and I've got 94,000 clicks on it," she says. "I drive a lot."

COURTESY SUBARU CANADA

Multiple-award winning actress Sheila McCarthy drives a sage-green version of this 2007 Subaru Outback.

Although she says she's not a speed demon, McCarthy admits to getting frustrated with tourists who clog the streets of Stratford during the theatre festival season.

"I do get a big aggressive with the tourists in Stratford," she says coyly. "But I've been driving a long time and I would say I'm a pretty good driver."

In fact, McCarthy, now 53, has been driving since the day she turned 16 got her licence and bought her first car.

"It was an old 1962 Volvo Standard," she recalls. "Her name was Roberta. I couldn't even drive gear shift, but I bought it because I thought it was so pretty."

"The Subaru (Outback) is very practical and dependable."
Sheila McCarthy

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at Homemakers, Canadian Living, Canadian House & Home and, most recently, Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

Volvo cars look out for pedestrians

SAFETY The next generation of preventive safety technology from Volvo is a groundbreaking function that can detect a pedestrian who has walked out in front of the car, as well as automatically braking to avoid the person at speeds below 15 mph if the driver does not react in time.

Concurrent with the launch of the Volvo S60 in 2010, Volvo will be unveiling the Collision Warning with Full Auto Brake and Pedestrian Safety.

This technology is also highly beneficial in the event of rear-end impacts with other vehicles. Statistics reveal that half of all drivers who hit another vehicle from behind do not brake at all prior to the collision.

However, the main aim is still for the initial warning to be sufficient for the driver to brake or manoeuvre away from the hazard.

FROM CARGUIDE

Correction

In last Wednesday's Metro Drive, Canadian Tire should have been credited for the content in the article Breeze Through The Freeze. Metro regrets the error.

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Losing pounds to Jay-Z
Nicole Richie lost her baby weight by dancing to Jay-Z songs. The socialite — who has two-month-old son Sparrow with her partner Joel Madden — claims she has lost the excess pounds by dancing. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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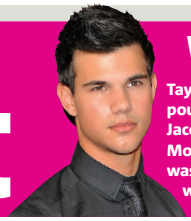

Wolf weight
Taylor Lautner had to pile on the pounds for his role as werewolf Jacob Black in Twilight: New Moon and says eating lots of food was not as easy as he thought it would be. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Story takes dark turn

Actor Edi Gathegi reprises vampire role in Twilight sequel New Moon

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

In the fascinating world of Twilight, the undead are indeed among us and, like any self-respecting vampire, they're hungry for blood.

But what has given Twilight — both the juggernaut book series by Stephenie Meyer and its filmed equivalent — its devoted following and inspired its legions of fervent admirers to swoon, is that the melancholy ghouls populating its pages are misunderstood and, by and large, just looking for love.

Unlike the human-friendly Cullen clan, some of the monsters in the Twilight world aren't so endearing.

Case in point, the feral, ferocious Laurent played in both Catherine Hardwicke's original Twilight film and Chris Wetz's hotly anticipated followup New Moon, by actor Edi Gathegi.

"Playing Laurent has changed my life," says Gathegi of his dreadlocked, deceitful and decidedly lethal blood-drinking heavy.

"I'm not a fan of horror movies but I've always wanted to play a monster. And on top of that, the films have given me the opportunity to see the world and travel and collect a pretty devoted fan base."

Kristen Stewart and Edi Gathegi star In The Twilight Saga: New Moon.

Though not an admirer of horror films, Gathegi has starred in his share. Outside of his turn as Laurent, he also starred in last years 3-D shocker My Bloody Valentine, as well as 2007's ultraviolent exploitation thriller Death Sentence.

Movie **feature**

"I really don't think of either Twilight or New Moon as purely horror," the actor says. "They're more romantic and action oriented, more fantastical and mythical than your typical vampire movie."

Whatever genre you want to pigeonhole the franchise in, there's no arguing that with New Moon, the story takes a far darker narrative turn, expanding its universe and upping the ante in terms of both the romance (lead femme fatale Bella is torn between vampire Edward and werewolf Jacob Black) and the creepy, skin crawling stuff.

"I just saw the final cut and I think Chris (Weitz) really changed the entire feel of the series." Gathegi says of the sequel's helmer.

"There's something about the tone of it, the texture, the dynamic of the images are different. It feels like it's from the same world and yet not and its really kind of beautiful."

On the web

- You've met one of the vampires, now go online to metronews.ca to watch an interview with the actors who perform as the werewolves in New Moon — including Taylor Lautner — and director Chris Weitz.

Accused in Letterman case asks court to drop charges

Halderman

PEOPLE A TV news producer accused of blackmailing David Letterman in exchange for keeping quiet about his sexual affairs was only trying to sell the late-night comic a screenplay, the producer's lawyer said at a hearing yesterday.

Robert J. "Joe" Halderman's attorney asked a Manhattan judge to dismiss the attempted first-degree grand larceny charge.

Gerald Shargel said that Halderman was merely trying to sell Letterman a screenplay when he approached him with a package left in Letterman's car.

"There was no extortion. There was a screenplay for sale," Shargel said. "There was a commercial transaction. Nothing more."

An attorney for Letterman called the host the victim in the case and derided Shargel's claim that Halderman was merely trying to sell a screenplay.

"It's classic blackmail, no matter how Mr. Halderman's lawyer wants to dress it up," Daniel Horwitz said.

Halderman, 51, a producer for CBS' 48 Hours Mystery, has pleaded not guilty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Morgan "filthy" at Carnegie Hall
According to the NY Daily News, Tracy Morgan was "unspeakably filthy" throughout a show at NYC's Carnegie Hall on Friday. POPEATER.COM

Blue collar rockers

Bon Jovi produce new album for the working man

They had a flattering documentary of their last tour airing on Showtime — called When We Were Beautiful — and a companion book of photos and reminiscences. They also had a greatest-hits album planned, which would be virtually like printing money.

It seemed time to kick back and recharge those rock 'n' roll batteries.

Lead singer Jon Bon Jovi and guitarist Richie Sambora, who had pulled himself together after addiction and a tabloid divorce from Heather Locklear, sat down in September 2008 to knock out a new tunes for the greatest-hits CD to follow-up 2007's Lost Highway, the band's flirtation with country.

It turned out to not be that simple.

"So we're writing boy-girl songs and rehab songs — Richie having gotten it together — and then suddenly the world changes," says Jon Bon Jovi by phone from London.

While they wrote, the economy tanked — foreclosures swept the nation, unemployment soared. It seemed like everyone was livin' on a prayer.

The New Jersey-bred songwriters got swept up in the moment. A few new socially conscious songs led to a few more. Nine months later they had too many.

"We went to the record company and said, 'Well, we've got good news and bad news," recalls Sambora, 50, also by phone from London. "'The bad news is you're not getting a greatest hits. The good news is you're going to have a great studio album.'"

Bon Jovi's new album The Circle has plenty of get-off-your-knees, reach-for-the-sky rock anthems.

The result is The Circle, an album with plenty of get-off-your-knees, reach-for-the-sky rock anthems begging for arena screams. It's a CD that should be shipped with its own lighter.

Songs like We Weren't Born To Follow, Work For the Working Man, Live Before You Die show the band is ready to again challenge Bruce Springsteen for blue-collar adulation. As always, it's a hope-filled collection of tunes.

"I've always thought of the world as that optimistic place where people could see the glass is half full." Jon Bon Jovi

"I've always thought of the world as that optimistic place where people could see the glass is half full. I always was that guy," says Jon Bon Jovi, 47.

What's funny is that just as their fans face unemployment and job shortages, Bon Jovi — which also includes keyboardist David Bryan and drummer Tico Torres — are now working more.

Jon Bon Jovi and Sambora insist they still identify with their blue-collar roots despite selling 120 million albums over 26 years. Sambora says while growing up he saw his dad get laid off from factory jobs, while Jon Bon Jovi connects with regular folks through his philanthropy, which has so far built 217 houses in the Philadelphia area.

"Look, I can afford to pick up the bar bill, that's true. I've got some money now and I've had successes and that's true," he says. "But I get more pleasure out of my foundation work than getting paid at night."

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Taking a bite out of the People's Choice Awards

Nominees for the People's Choice Awards are out, and the people choose vampires.

Twilight and True Blood were among the top nominees announced yesterday. Fans cast more than 18 million votes online to select the nominee slate and will also choose the winners in 35 categories.

Twilight is up for favourite movie, franchise and on-screen team for its trio of stars: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner. Stewart and Pattinson were also nominated individually for favourite movie actress and actor, and Lautner is up for breakout movie actor.

True Blood was nominated for favourite TV obsession and sci-fi/fantasy TV show, plus star Anna Paquin earned a nod for TV drama actress.

Queen Latifah will host the People's Choice Awards on Jan. 6, 2010.

Queen Latifah is set to host the People's Choice Awards at the Nokia Theatre. The ceremony will be broadcast live on CBS on Jan. 6, 2010.

Some of the nominees:

TV drama: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Grey's Anatomy, House, Lost, NCIS.

TV comedy: Desperate Housewives, How I Met Your Mother, The Big Bang Theory, The Office, Two and a Half Men.

TV drama Actor: Hugh Laurie, Kiefer Sutherland, Mark Harmon, Matthew Fox, Patrick Dempsey.

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- Fans can vote for their favourites online at peopleschoice.com.

TV drama Actress: Anna Paquin, Blake Lively, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Katherine Heigl, Mariska Hargitay.

TV comedy Actor: Alex Baldwin, Charlie Sheen, Jim Parsons, Neil Patrick Harris, Steve Carell.

TV comedy Actress: Alyson Hannigan, America Ferrera, Amy Poehler, Eva Longoria Parker, Tina Fey.

Movie actor: Brad Pitt, Hugh Jackman, Johnny Depp, Robert Pattinson, Ryan Reynolds.

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Aerosmith not breaking up: Guitarist

TWITTER Aerosmith's lead guitarist Joe Perry says the legendary rock band isn't breaking up — although they need a new singer.

Perry said on the microblogging site Twitter late Monday that Aerosmith is "not splitting up" but "looking for a new singer to work with" amid growing speculation about the future of the band and the role of frontman Steven Tyler.

Joe Perry

Tyler has been quoted as saying he is considering a solo career.

Perry tweeted that one of the band's members "is doing his own thing and said so in the press. That's all I know."

Tyler was injured when he fell off a stage during an Aug. 5 performance in South Dakota, and the band cancelled the remainder of its summer tour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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No Glee for disabled actors

Advocates frustrated by entertainment industry's hiring practices

The glee club members twirl their wheelchairs to the tune of Proud Maryand in joyful solidarity with Artie, the fellow performer who must use his chair even when the music stops.

The scene in tonight's episode of the hit Fox series Glee, which regularly celebrates diversity and the underdog, is yet another uplifting moment — except to those in the entertainment industry with disabilities and their advocates. For them, the casting of a non-disabled actor to play the paraplegic high school student is another blown chance to hire a performer who truly fits the role.

"I think there's a fear of litigation, that a person with disabilities might slow a production down, fear that viewers might be uncomfortable," said Robert David Hall, longtime cast member of CBS' CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.

All of that is nonsense, said Hall: "I've made my living as an actor for 30 years and I walk on two artificial legs."

Hall, 61, chair of a multi-union committee for performers with disabilities, is part of a small band of such steadily working actors on TV that includes Daryl (Chill) Mitchell, star of Fox's Brothers; teenager RJ Mitte of AMC's Breaking Bad; and ABC's Private Practice newcomer Michael Patrick Thornton.

Kevin McHale, the actor who plays Artie on the show Glee, has become a symbol for disability advocates and their fight against industry hiring practices.

Veteran actress Geri Jewell, who has cerebral palsy, appeared on HBO's now-departed Deadwood.

For Mitchell, Brothers represents more than just another show. He calls it "a movement" that deserves support from the wider disabled community as well as the industry.

"This is what my life is. This is what I want the world to see," he said.

"I want to hold the networks accountable. If I can come out and do what I'm doing, they can come to the table."

"I think there's a fear of litigation, that a person with disabilities might slow a production down, fear that viewers might be uncomfortable," Actor Robert David Hall

It's not just TV that falls short of what Mitchell and others seek, including auditioning those with disabilities for roles that echo their situation and for roles in which it is irrelevant. (Then it's up to them to prove they deserve the job, Hall said.)

In the theatre world, advocacy groups for the disabled recently objected to the casting of Abigail Breslin (Little Miss Sunshine) as young Helen Keller in a Broadway revival of The Miracle Worker, and a hearing actor's selection for a deaf role in the off-Broadway The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter.

In films, Daniel Day-Lewis received an Academy Award for his portrayal of a man with severe cerebral palsy in My Left Foot and Tom Cruise was nominated for an Oscar for playing a paralyzed Vietnam veteran in Born on the Fourth of July. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jackson mom withdraws opposition to executors

Michael Jackson's mother withdrew her objections yesterday to the appointment of two longtime Jackson associates as executors of the singer's will.

The surprise announcement came from Katherine Jackson's attorney Adam Streisand, who said his client felt it was time the legal fighting ended.

Katherine Jackson no longer objects to the appointment of attorney John Branca and music executive John McClain to oversee the singer's estate, Streisand said. She feels her actions were in the best interest of her son's children, he added.

A judge intended to make his formal appointment after resolving whether Jackson's father can challenge the appointments. Joe Jackson was omitted from his son's will, with Michael Jackson's assets going to his mother, his children and children's charities.

Katherine Jackson

Lawyers for the estate were ordered back to argue the matter.

A 60-page motion filed last week by Joe Jackson's attorney, Brian Oxman, detailed his bid to get money from his son's estate by making conflict of interest accusations against Branca and McClain.

Joe Jackson is seeking an allowance from his son's estate to help cover expenses that exceed $15,000 a month, according to the court documents.

The two had an often-strained relationship, and Michael Jackson said at one point that he would get physically sick — as a child and as an adult — at the sight of his father.

The documents said Joe Jackson receives a $1,700 monthly Social Security payment and had relied on his son for support for many years.

Howard Weitzman, an attorney for the administrators of Jackson's estate, has said Joe Jackson's petition would be considered along with all other requests for money from the estate.

Joe Jackson managed and trained his children and organized the Jackson 5. He has been married to Katherine Jackson for 50 years, but he lists his home in Las Vegas. She lives at a family home in the San Fernando Valley north of Los Angeles.

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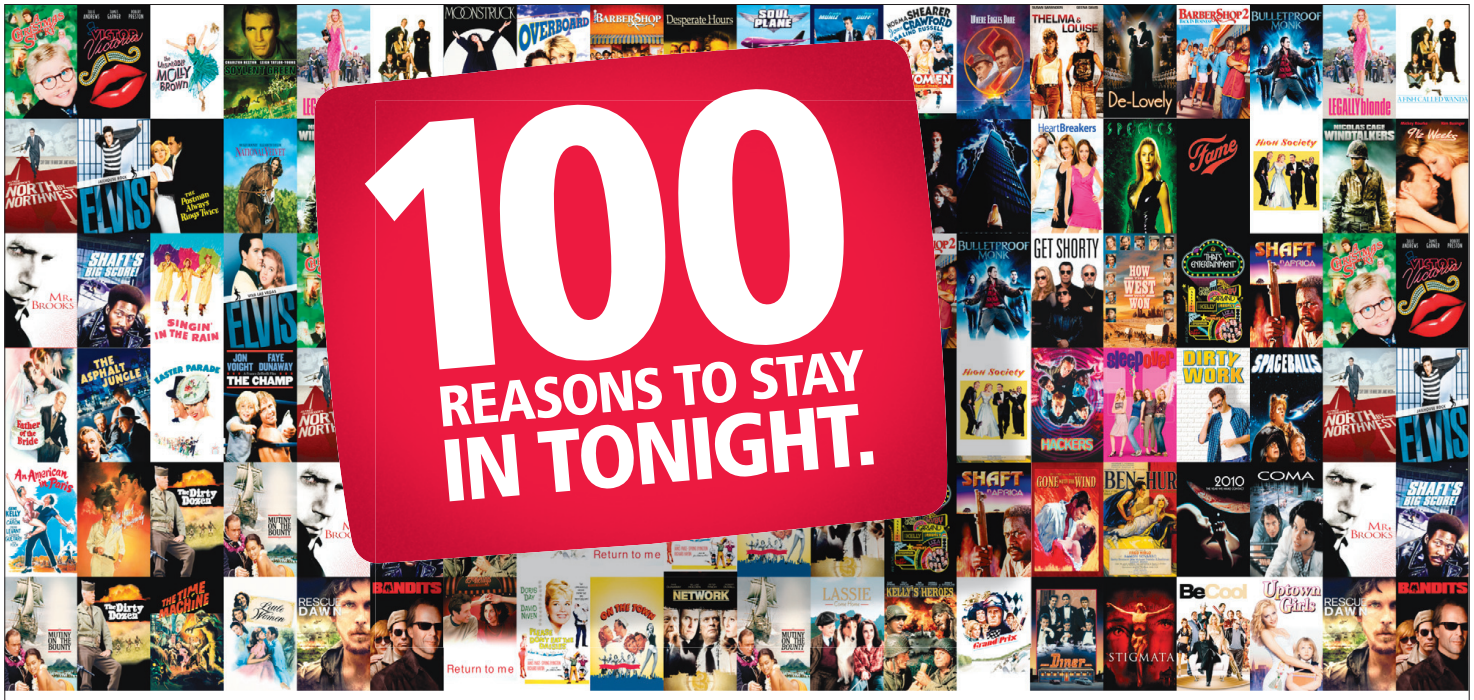

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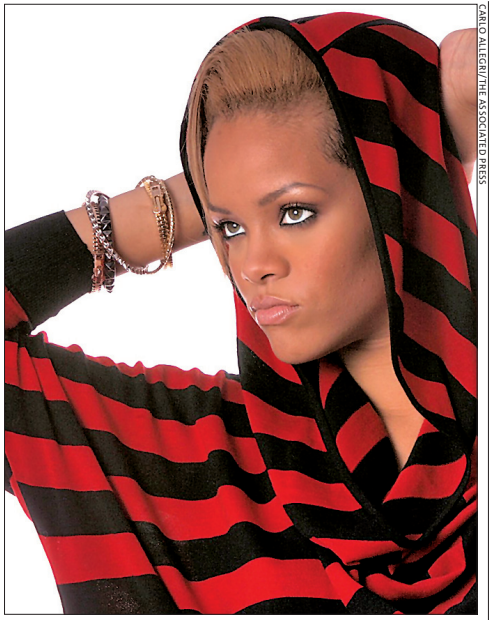
Thiessen expecting her first child
Tiffani Thiessen and her husband, artist and actor Brady Smith, are expecting their first baby next May, her rep tells People exclusively. "We are over the moon," the couple said in a statement. METRO WORLD NEWS



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Singer Rihanna poses for a portrait in New York Monday.

Recording CD got emotional for Rihanna

Rihanna says recording songs on her new album was such an emotional experience that she sometimes had to leave the studio to prevent herself from breaking down.

"I walked out the studio a few times just trying not to be in tears," she said Monday about recording her fourth studio album, Rated R, to be released on Nov. 23.

"It was about me, and so much so that songs got really personal to the point where it took three months for me to start recording it because it was too deep for me to even listen to," she said.

"I got to vent because I didn't really talk a lot. I didn't talk to a lot of people about anything I was feeling. I just did it on the record."
Rihanna on recording her new album

The CD comes nine months after the 21-year-old singing sensation was attacked by exboyfriend Chris Brown. Rihanna said recording helped ease the pain — giving her an outlet to express how she truly felt.

"I got to vent because I didn't really talk a lot. I didn't talk to a lot of people about anything I was feeling. I just did it on the record," she said.

Brown was arrested Feb. 8. He was accused of beating Rihanna after they attended a pre-Grammy party. Brown later pleaded guilty to felony assault and was sentenced to five years' probation, six months of community labour and a year of domestic violence counselling.

Following the attack, Rihanna said she was sick of sitting at home and decided to head to the studio.

"I was tired of just being in the house and I just felt like I was wasting so much time and just being lackadaisical, so I just wanted to work again and we started recording," she said.

Rihanna, who won a Grammy for the megahit Umbrella, says the new album's sound is "darker" than her previous ones because it reflects her turbulent year.

"The recording experience was different because it was from a completely new mind space, from a different perspective. Usually I was thinking of fun stories, things to talk about, different topics that might be cool, but this time is really about my life," she said.

Rihanna also said the album is a reflection of Rihanna the woman — not the image we've come to know.

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Berry to be honoured for leadership

HOLLYWOOD Halle Berry will now have something else in common with fellow Oscar winners Meryl Streep and Jodie Foster: she will have won The Sherry Lansing Leadership Award.

The Hollywood Reporter says Berry will receive the honour next month at the paper's 18th annual Power 100: Women in Entertainment breakfast.

The award is designed to recognize ground-breaking contributions made by women to the entertainment industry.

Besides Streep and Foster, past recipients of the award include Barbara Walters, Glenn Close and Lansing herself.

Hilary Swank, the Million Dollar Baby actress, will be giving the keynote address to attendess at the Power 100 breakfast, to be held Dec. 4 at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

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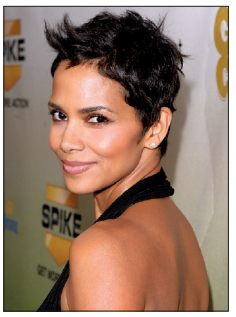

Halle Berry

Entertainment in brief

JOPLIN The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum is celebrating the brief, electrifying career of Janis Joplin with a week of events building up to a tribute concert. The hall in Cleveland calls the bluesy singer one of rock's most passionate and influential artists. Joplin, who rose to fame during San Francisco's 1967 Summer of Love, was 27 when she died of a drug overdose in 1970. The rock hall are hosting talks this week by those who knew Joplin.

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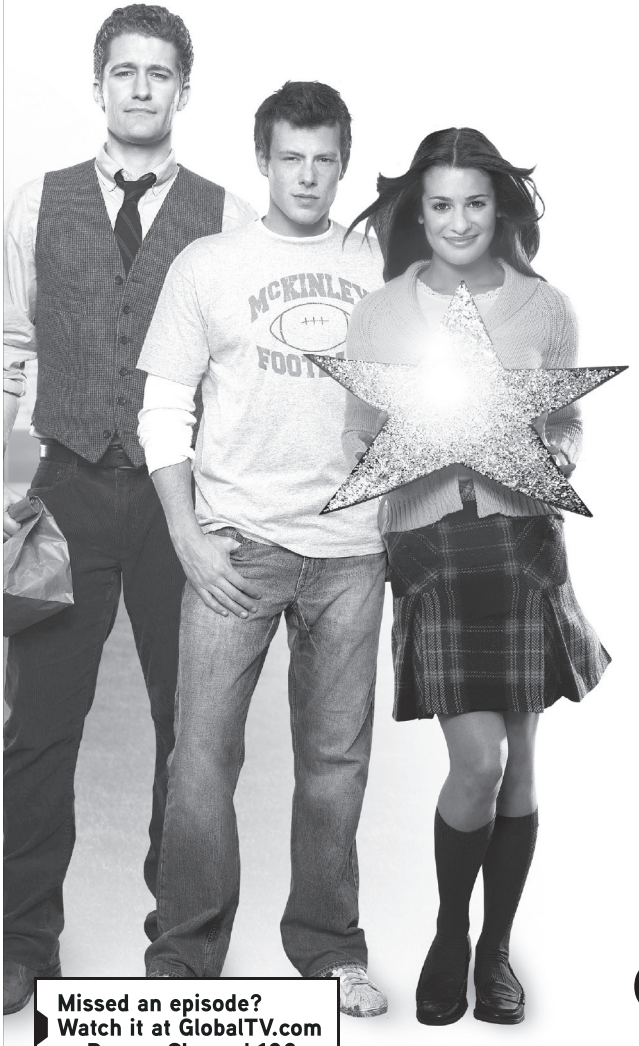

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Mutual of Omaha settles suit against Oprah Winfrey

Mutual of Omaha may have had its own "aha moment." The insurance company has decided to settle its lawsuit against Oprah Winfrey's production company over rights to the phrase.

Jim Nolan, a spokesman for Mutual, and Angela DePaul, a spokeswoman for Winfrey's Chicago-based Harpo Productions Inc., would only say that the case was resolved amicably. Documents filed last month in U.S. District Court in Omaha do not outline details of the settlement.

Mutual and Harpo began sparring earlier this year after Mutual starting using the slogan "official sponsor of the aha moment" in a national advertising campaign.

Harpo asked Mutual in a letter to stop using "aha moment" to promote its insurance and financial products because it didn't want confusion about whether there was a relationship between Mutual and Winfrey. Winfrey's representatives argued in April that the phrase was synonymous with Winfrey and her TV talk show. Winfrey often discusses "aha moments" — described on her magazine's Web site as "those flashes of understanding" — with guests on her show.

Mutual responded

with the lawsuit and documents showing it had obtained preliminary approval of a federal trademark.

The insurance company said it conceived its slogan in February 2008 and unveiled the Web site ahamoment.com a year later. It began researching trademark rights to "aha moment" in July 2008 and filed an application with the U.S. Patent&Trademark Office that August. Mutual said no opposition was made to its trademark application, and preliminary approval was granted in April.

Mutual originally asked the court for a legal declaration allowing it to use the slogan and pronouncing that Mutual has not infringed on Harpo's or Winfrey's rights. Harpo never filed a formal response to Mutual's lawsuit.

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Lowe to model for Vuitton

Daisy Lowe is to model for Louis Vuitton. The 20-year-old daughter of Pearl Lowe and rocker Gavin Rossdale — who fronted DKNY's jeans campaign earlier in the year — will be a face of the label's spring/summer 2010 campaign. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Eclectic mix of recipients

Glamour awards honour Angelous, Rhianna, Poehler, Rice

There was a huge pop star, a tennis phenom, a top fashion designer, a key U.S. diplomat and three Beatle wives.

But the biggest ovation at Monday's Glamour Women of the Year awards, a star-studded affair at New York's Carnegie Hall, went to 81-year-old poet Maya Angelou, whose soaring words on the power of womanhood brought many to tears and nearly everyone to their feet.

Women, Angelou told the crowd in her speech, "are rainbows in the clouds."

"I am grateful to be a woman," said Angelou. "I must have done something great in another life." As for the men: "You have to write your own poem," the poet said to laughter, including from the man who presented her award, former President Bill Clinton.

Glamour magazine's annual Women of the Year awards always honour a group of eclectic women, and this year was no exception.

Pop star Rihanna was honoured, and her presenter, the model Iman, referred to the singer's ordeal early this year, when she was assaulted by boyfriend and fellow singer Chris Brown. Rihanna initially returned to Brown but said last week that she regrets it, because it sent the wrong message to her fans. Brown has pleaded guilty to felony assault.

"I am grateful to be a woman... I must have done something great in another life"
Poet Maya Angelou

"Now I am even more impressed with her dignity and courage," Iman said, noting that Rihanna would serve as a role model to victims of domestic violence.

Comic actress Amy Poehler received her award from Saturday Night Live producer Lorne Michaels, who spoke admiringly of how Poehler performed her famous Sarah Palin rap skit when she was nine months pregnant.

Poehler's advice to the young women and girls in the crowd, which included a vociferous contingent of Girl Scouts: "Girls, if boys say something that's not funny, you don't have to laugh."

Also honoured was fashion designer Stella McCartney, daughter of Beatle Paul. Her dad wasn't there, but McCartney was shocked to see that three Beatle wives were presenting her award: Yoko Ono, widow of John Lennon; Olivia Harrison, widow of George; and Ringo Starr's wife, Barbara Starkey.

Tyra Banks presented the award to tennis champion Serena Williams, who also addressed the young women in the crowd: "You can do whatever you want to do. The most important belief is self-belief."

And actor Michael Douglas presented the award to Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, who was also lauded via video by President Barack Obama. At a dinner later, Rice said she was inspired by many of her fellow honorees.

Comic actress Amy Poehler won a Glamour award for her famous Sarah Palin rap skit.

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sports	405	417	22	net	UFC: Access	MMA Conn	Countdown to UFC 105		Mike Danton: The Untold Story		Sportsnet Connected		Hockey Central
	400	400	30	TSN	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Buffalo Sabres. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre (HDTV)		That's Hockey!	SportsCentre
	411	457	58	OLN	Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman		Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter
	417	406	81	SC	Pass Time	NASCAR Hub	Amer. Thunder	Pinks Outtakes	Pass Time	Pass Time	Wrecked	Wrecked	Pass Time
family	551	542	25	YTV	Drake & Josh	That's-Weird	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	What I Like	Family Biz	Prank Patrol	Adrenaline Proj
	554	544	45	TEL	Scooby-Doo	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN "2-4-1"	Futurama	King of the Hill	American Dad	Futurama	Robot Chicken
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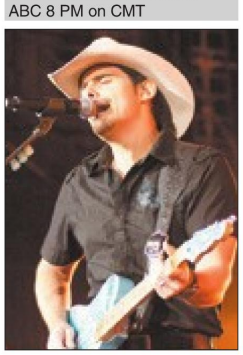
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Old Christine	Friends	Friends	Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Yourself Sexy	Chef Worthy	Fearl-Kitchen	Supersize-Skin
	570	580	29	MM	One Tree Hill		My Date With...	disBand	America's Best Dance Crew		Degrassi: TNG	Degrassi: TNG	One Tree Hill
	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Manhunters
	700	800	35	TLN	Centrovetrine	Sky TG 24	Ortona 1943: Natale		Ortona 1943: Christmas		George Lopez	George Lopez	Lopez Tonight
	571	581	36	MMM	The Daily Fix		Ranked!		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	The Daily Fix
	575	583	38	CMT	Funniest Home Videos		The 43rd Annual CMA Awards Festivities honor excellence in country music.						One on One
	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		The Guard "Live Free"		Found.	Paradise Falls	Bones (HDTV)		NCIS
	620	523	40	BVO	The Achievers	Bravo!Videos	Arts & Minds		Wingfield	Star Portraits	White Collar "Threads"		Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Nearly Dead	Nearly Dead	Newlywed	Newlywed	In Laws	In Laws	ET Canada
	522	506	43	HIS	Vimy Ridge	Vimy Under	Convoy: War of the Atlantic		Underground War		Underground War		1917: The Miss
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Michael	RENO 911! (N)	Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Intervention	Property Virgin	Unsellable	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes-Homes
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Law & Order: SVU		The Office	The Office	*Lethal Weapon 4* ★★ (1998, Action)		
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		First In		Steve Harvey: Still Trippin' Stand-up routine.				Mo'Nique
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Torchwood		Supernatural (HDTV) (N)		InnerSpace (N)
	581	566	52	MTV	The Hills	After	Disaster Date	Peak Season	The Hills	The City	The City	After	MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	King	King	The Outer Limits		ET Canada	What Happen?	Family Guy	King	King
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Fresh-Anna	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Chopped (N)		Chef School
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		Keeping Up	Foot in Grave	Jeeves and Wooster		Remember		The Trench
	621	527	63	STR	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ
	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Nght Grdn	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Babar	Big & Small	Max & Ruby
	526	507	249	VIVA	Cold Case "Fly Away"		Missing "Resurrection"		The Closer		Cold Case "Fly Away"		Mediums
	300	601	301	M1	(6:45) *In the Valley of Elah* ★★★ (2007, Drama)				*Passchendaele* (2008, War) Caroline Dhavernas.				Lock 'n Load
	305	612	306	PIX	(6) *A Bridge Too Far* ★★★ (1977, War) Dirk Bogarde.				*U-571* ★★ (2000, Suspense) Matthew McConaughey.				*Bye Bye Blues*
	520	-	-	DISC	Daily Planet (N)		Pitchmen "Crunch Time"		Mega Builders (N)		Mayday "Blown Apart"		Daily Planet
	637	-	-	TVLND	Red Green	Red Green	Fantasy Island		Hart to Hart		Andy Griffith	Phil Silvers	Bizarre
	605	-	-	FASH	America's Next Top Model		FashionTele	RAW	Canada's Next Top Model		Fashion Television-Toronto Fashion Week		

critics' corner

The 43rd Annual CMA Awards

Let's hope Brad Paisley has comfortable footwear on for this awards show. Not only is he co-hosting with Carrie Underwood, but he's the most-nominated artist of the evening — up for seven honors including entertainer and male vocalist of the year. It could also be another big night for Taylor Swift; she has four nominations, as does George Strait. They're all slated to perform, along with Brooks & Dunn, Reba McEntire, Darius Rucker and more. 8 PM on ABC 8 PM on CMT



The Tudors

Backed by Rome, France and Spain are aligning themselves against England. What's a king to do? If you're Henry (Jonathan Rhys Meyers), you take a new wife: Anne of Cleves, a German aristocrat. She isn't the fairest of them all — not that Henry would know that, since he hasn't met her — but he's looking for a political prop here, not a trophy wife. Singer Joss Stone plays Anne in this new episode. 9 PM on CBC

Gemini's to honour acclaimed shows

This year's Gemini Awards will salute CTV's Corner Gas, Showcase's Trailer Park Boys, and CBC's Royal Canadian Air Farce to mark the end of each show's final season. The comedies all recently wrapped acclaimed runs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rocky relationship tune played out

Blue Rodeo hit back over articles portraying them as a disfunctional band

At three decades and counting, Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy and Greg Keelor boast one of the most enduring partnerships in Canadian rock music.

Which is why they're tired of answering questions about supposed acrimony amongst the band, which has just released its 13th album, The Things We Left Behind.

Jim Cuddy

Greg Keelor

"We just read an article on the weekend about how we're barely talking to each other," Keelor said during an interview in Toronto.

"It just seems like people like to tell their stories about what they think the band is. I guess (some guys) are so miserable in their mealy little lives that they have to project that nonsense on two guys who get along pretty good considering the endeavour they're involved in."

That endeavour, this time out, involves one of the most ambitious records of the band's lengthy career.

Cuddy and Keelor insist that they didn't set out to record a double album. When they brought their songs together, they simply realized they had too many.

After some momentary objections from their record label (who would have preferred one long album), Blue Rodeo was going to issue its first double record. And they were going to issue it on vinyl.

Both versions are available in stores now.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Entertainment in brief

SEX TAPE A California judge has granted a temporary restraining order barring Jennifer Lopez's first husband from distributing 11 hours of home video footage from their marriage that J.Lo claims includes sexual situations. Ojani Noa and his manager Ed Meyer had planned to distribute the footage and proposed making a film, The J.Lo and Ojani Noa Story. Noa claimed the footage included nothing sexual and alleged that Lopez is trying to keep him from success. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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De Rossi admired Degeneres
Portia De Rossi spent three years admiring her wife Ellen Degeneres from afar — because she didn't want to risk her acting career by "coming out." She admits she spent years hiding her feelings for the TV star who was to become her wife. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

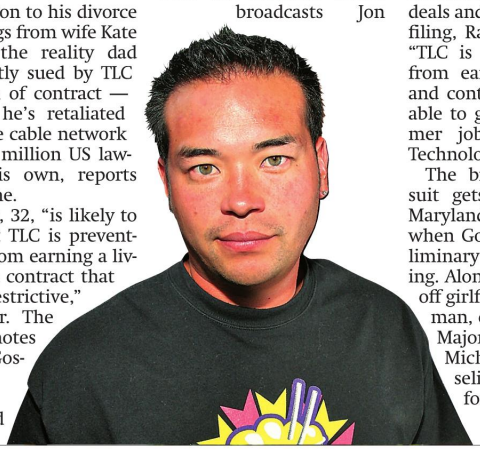
Celebrity Buzz

Gosselin's court battles

BREACH OF CONTRACT Jon Gosselin, or at least his legal team, is going to be spending a lot of time in court, usmagazine.com reports.

In addition to his divorce proceedings from wife Kate Gosselin, the reality dad was recently sued by TLC for breach of contract — and now he's retaliated against the cable network with a $5 million US lawsuit of his own, reports Radaronline.

Gosselin, 32, "is likely to argue that TLC is preventing him from earning a living with a contract that is too restrictive," says Radar. The website notes that Gosselin's lawyers Mike and Mark Heller have previously argued that their client lacked sufficient legal representation when he signed his initial contract with TLC, the network which broadcasts Jon and Kate Plus 8.



The network's initial suit alleges that the father of eight has violated his TLC contract by engaging in unauthorized business deals and interviews. In the filing, Radar observes that "TLC is not stopping Jon from earning a living … and contends he is always able to go back to his former job in Information Technology."

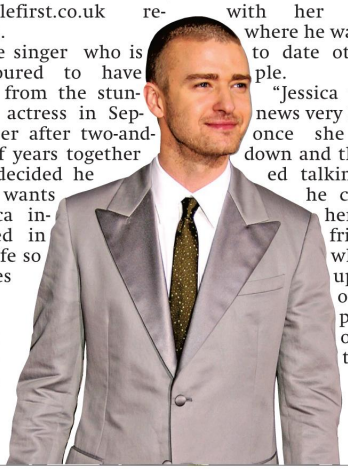
The breach of contract suit gets underway in a Maryland court Dec. 14, when Gosselin faces a preliminary injunction hearing. Along with his on-and-off girlfriend Hailey Glassman, one-time date Kate Major and former pal Michael Lohan, Gosselin himself will be forced to testify.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Timberlake and Biel are 'friends with benefits'?

STAYING IN TOUCH Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel are reportedly just "friends with benefits," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer who is rumoured to have split from the stunning actress in September after two-and-a-half years together has decided he still wants Jessica involved in his life so makes sure they meet regularly. A source said: "Justin was very clear with Jessica that he didn't want to be in a serious relationship with her anymore where he wasn't able to date other people.



"Jessica took the news very hard, but once she calmed down and they started talking again, he convinced her to stay friends who hook up, without all the pressure of a relationship."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity tweets

Jordin Sparks cheers herself up with online shopping, Phillip Schofield will finally see the light and Kirstie Alley has realistic weight loss goals.

@TheRealJordin
Last night ended w/ some retail therapy...Helly Kitty Notebook, coffee mug & pajamas. Ill show you when I get them. :)

@Schofe
Right, subject to a successful consultation, I've finally made up my mind... I'm going to get my eyes lasered!! (ok cue the horror stories)

@kirstiealley
i'm going to lose 75 to 90 lbs...hmm..that could take a week or two...hhh...LET'S DO IT!!!

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Friends say Cage is at fault for financial woes

SPEND, SPEND, SPEND Lawsuit or not, Nicholas Cage's manager isn't the only person to blame for his financial woes. According to friends, Cage himself is at fault as well.

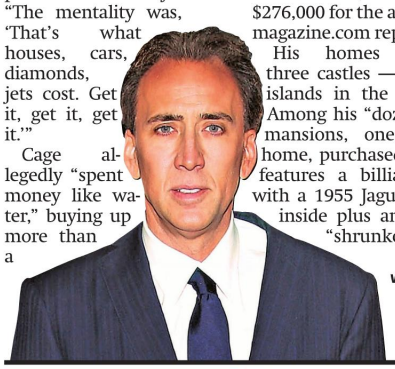
"There's a cluelessness. He's been wealthy since he was 17 years old, and so he's very removed from normal decision-making," a pal tells the Daily Beast. "The mentality was, 'That's what houses, cars, diamonds, jets cost. Get it, get it, get it.'"

Cage allegedly "spent money like water," buying up more than a dozen homes, countless cars, a collection of rare animals and a dinosaur skull. "Nic at an auction is dangerous," the friend says.

Among Cage's many, many expenditures — as tabulated by New York magazine — were the following: One jet and two yachts.

In 2007, he outbid Leonardo DiCaprio for a dinosaur skull, shelling out $276,000 for the artifact, usmagazine.com reports.

His homes included three castles — plus two islands in the Bahamas. Among his "dozen or so" mansions, one Bel Air home, purchased in 1998, features a billiard room with a 1955 Jaguar parked inside plus an array of "shrunken heads."



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More plastic surgery?

BODY OBSESSED Amy Winehouse has become such a fan of the results from her alleged breast augmentation surgery that she's become obsessed with getting more work done, sources tell the Sun.

"Amy loves her breasts. She can't stop touching them and showing them off to friends," a source says. "She says she feels womanly again and wants to be more curvy like she used to be.

She thinks by having another operation and bum implants that she will achieve her dream pin-up look."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Oprah furious at O'Donnell

LOUD MOUTH Oprah Winfrey reportedly wants Rosie O'Donnell to keep her mouth shut after the former View co-host told Howard Stern that Winfrey and pal Gayle King "are the emotional equivalent of" a gay couple. "Oprah was so furious she had a warning message sent to Rosie," a source tells the National Enquirer. "Oprah said if she were gay, she would say so."

METRO WORLD NEWS

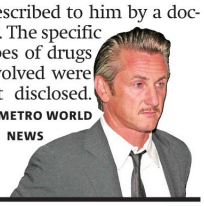
Lohans drop bomb in taped phone call

RECORDED RUMOURS? Michael Lohan is out with another recorded phone conversation between himself and Dina Lohan discussing their daughter, Lindsay Lohan. And in this one, Dina drops a major bombshell, claiming that Lindsay and Heath Ledger were an item.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Penn's son off the hook for drugs

CHARGES DROPPED Sean Penn's son, Hopper Penn, is off the hook after being arrested last week at his Malibu high school, according to Radar Online. Sources close to the investigation say the 16-year-old will not face drug charges, though he was allegedly picked up for drug possession. The sources tell the website that the drugs found in his possession at the time were all prescribed to him by a doctor. The specific types of drugs involved were not disclosed.



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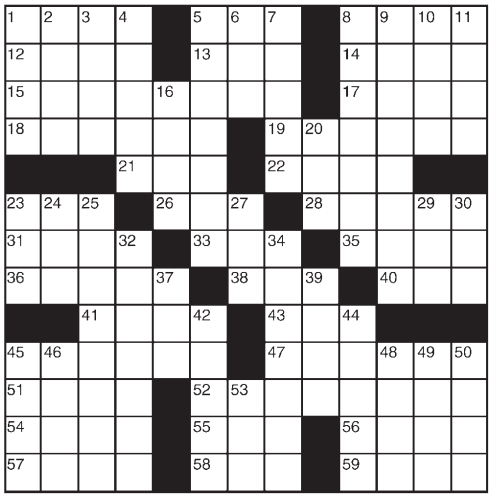

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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1 Mop
5 Shooter pellet
8 Impale
12 Verdi masterpiece
13 Rowing need
14 Melody
15 Grayish-white metal
17 Initial chip
18 Unrelenting
19 Root
21 Japanese pond carp
22 Scoots
23 Lawyers' org.
26 Apprehend
28 Parisian subway
31 Sawyer's pal
33 Gear tooth
35 Sweetie
36 Bellhop, often
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40 Big Apple letters
41 "Young Frankenstein" role
43 Foolish one
45 Prisoner
47 Character
51 Urban disturbance
52 Lightest element
54 Actress Heche
55 Pump up the volume
56 Dressed
57 Unfavorable votes
58 Sheepish remark?
59 Youngsters

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2 Droop
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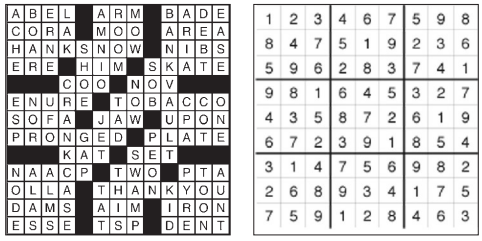

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1 lb (500 g) lean ground beef
1 onion, finely chopped
1 red or green pepper, finely chopped
7 oz (200 g) tomatoes, chopped
1 tbsp (15 mL) all-purpose flour
1 tbsp (15 mL) tomato paste
2/3 cup (150 mL) beef stock
Tabasco sauce, to taste
2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh basil or coriander
4 large whole-wheat rolls
Shredded lettuce and chili sauce, to serve

METHOD:

1. Heat large, heavy-based pot, then add ground beef and onion. Fry over medium heat 7 minutes or until browned all over, stirring occasionally to break up lumps. Add pepper and tomatoes, and cook for 3 minutes, then sprinkle over flour.
2. Stir tomato paste into stock, then add Tabasco sauce and basil or coriander. Stir 2/3 cup (150 mL) stock into meat mixture. Bring to boil, then reduce heat, cover and cook gently 10 minutes. Add extra stock if needed; season.
3. Split rolls in half and toast lightly. Put some shredded lettuce on base of each roll and spoon meat sauce on top. Each person can add chili sauce to taste.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You need to speak up and let others know what it is you are thinking. You will have plenty to say, but remember that sometimes you should listen too.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Some people may be inclined to believe that you are promising more than you can deliver but your confidence is boundless.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The planetary picture is so good at the moment that a gamble may well pay off, but don't forget this is a passing phase.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Cosmic activity in the two best areas of your chart today will give you plenty to boast about, and why not? After all, you're usually far too modest.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
The planets urge you to get serious about your family and your financial situation, and the two are more closely linked than you might imagine.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Social activities are under excellent stars but you cannot possibly accept all the invitations that come your way. Choose the ones that will benefit you most.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
No doubt you feel that you owe something to someone who has helped you out in the past, but they don't expect you to repay them.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
With Mercury in your birth sign aspecting Uranus, planet of surprises, something will happen today that jolts you out of your complacent mood.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You have a dream, but will it ever come true? According to the planets it will, and maybe sooner than you expect, but you must stay alert.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Something will happen today that makes you jump for joy. Most likely it will be in the shape of news from a friend that you were hoping to hear.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Do something that is wild and unpredictable today. This is a great time for trying new things and adopting new methods.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Your won't lack for big ideas today but common sense tells you that you cannot possibly see them all through from mind to materiality.

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Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health

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